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(FROM THE TIMES' Peking CORRESPONDENT.)

When I tell my Chinese friends that it is
being said in America and England that
mahjong dates from the time of Confucius
they all laugh. Most of them make the
age of the game as it is now played only
50 years, but qualify this statement with
the safe reservation that it may have existed
in another form at an earlier date.

There is a Chinese admiral in Peking to
whom all foreigners go when they want
information about Chinese things. The
Admiral acquired his foreign education
in Edinburgh, and is an expert poet and
a devoted admirer of Burns. The Admiral
tells me that in all the literature of
China there occurs not one single reference
to mahjong. He admits that this does
not prove that the game was not known
in olden times, because it is not customary
in China either in written work or polite
conversation, to mention low things, such
as gambling, drinking, or other forms of
vice. Flowers, birds, the beauties of
nature, poetry, music, painting, philoso-
phy, and so forth are the legitimate sub-
jects, but never anything so earthy as a
game played for money. As a seafaring
man, the Admiral is able to say that the
sailors of Ningpo used to play a game
with cards marked like the pieces of mah-
jong, and that, finding the wind often
waited the paper cards overboard, they
began to back them with thin slips of
wood. Out of this improvement gradually
developed the smaller and heavier piece-
made of bamboo with a bone or ivory
front convenient for cutting and colour-
ing. There seems no doubt that the
"tile" of to-day is quite a modern inven-
tion, for in the wonderful array of old
ivory to be found in China, covering a
period of nearly a thousand years, no
piece having any relation to the game has
ever been seen. Many used sets can be
bought in the curio shops in Peking,
some ivory-faced, artistically cut and de-
signed, but none of any age or
any particular value. As most are grimy
and contain scratched pieces, these sets
find little favour with foreigners, and
none with the Chinese, who will not play
with marked tiles. Great Chinese gam-
blers, in fact, like card-players elsewhere,
will play only once with the same set, as
a precaution against cheating.

Another Chinese friend has it that a
famous commander, desirous of keeping
his soldiers out of mischief, invented the
game and supplied the men with sets of
cards with which to amuse themselves be-
tween battles, instead of devouring the
country-side. This resourceful officer lived
a hundred years ago, and when I suggest-
ed that it was a pity there were not
more of the same kind among the mili-
taries of to-day, he said that you could
not expect a soldier to get any
pleasure from anything but
gambling with. Mahjong has been
specifically forbidden in this country,
and only a few weeks ago a set found
in the baggage of a foreign lady, whose
things were diligently gone over in a
search for opium or morphia, was con-
fiscated, and recovered only after diplo-
matic intervention. New sets are not ob-
tainable in the shops in the Chinese city,
and foreign shops endeavouring to import
them are always having difficulty with the
active officials. All the same, any func-
tionary in Peking, from the Chief Execu-
tive himself down to the barber who shaves
the populace, is a keen and expert player.
The Chinese ladies are great adepts, as
their foreign sisters desirous of a little
instruction have found to their cost. They
feel the underside of the tile with the
pink of the small fingers, and know in-
stantly whether they have drawn a plain
or something to be contemptuously tossed
into the bonnyard—the word is an Ameri-
canism, not a Chinese flower of speech.

They have an uncanny and apparently
unconscious understanding of the right
thing to do, and the swiftness of their play
is only equalled by the accuracy with
which in one quick glance they compute
everybody's score. Men who play are
continually at the game, and the corrup-
tion and greed of money which charac-
terize a large proportion of the official
classes is to no considerable extent a re-
sult of the gambling for high stakes at
mahjong, poker, and other games. Chi-
nese law forbids all form of gambling, but
the vice is so deeply ingrained in all,
from the highest to the lowest, that legal
restrictions are of little avail. Indeed,
gambling is licensed in many of the pro-
vinces in order that the local authorities
may derive a revenue from it.

Mahjong has driven bridge entirely out
of the field in several of the foreign com-
munities in China, and in one club,
where there used to be ten tables of
bridge players of an evening, a rubber is
now a matter of the greatest difficulty.
Popularity here results partly from the
fact that the ladies have a blank hour or
two before dinner, while the men go to
the clubs, during which mahjong with their
cronies fills a vacuum. But the zest with
which inveterate bridge-players pursue
the other game proves it to possess high
merit as a relaxation. As a time-killer it
is without rival, and we hear of parties
which play twice the clock round without
ceasing, with only snacks instead of regu-
lar meals. When the Chinese invite the
foreigner to play the hours are set be-
tween 6 p.m. and 3 a.m.

FOREIGNERS AND THE GAME.

We all think out here that we know a
lot more about mahjong than the folk at
home, for we have under our eyes the
theory and practice of our Celestial
friends. But the founders of the institu-
tion are not so sure of us, as may be
judged by the remark of one experienced
gentleman indulgently watching the play
of an Englishman. He qualified a com-
pliment on his skill by observing that "we
thought the game would be too complica-
ted for foreigners." There is one thing
learned from the Chinese, constantly
drummed into us by our superior players,
and aptly expressed by an American lady
— "make it snappy."

Since foreigners have taken to the game
the manufacture of mahjong sets has be-
come quite an industry, resulting in a
substantial increase in foreign trade. Ex-
ports for 1921 were about \$1,000, in 1922
over \$30,000, and for the first ten months
of 1923 \$250,000. The total for last year
is expected to reach about \$40,000.
America is the biggest buyer, Hongkong
(largely for re-export elsewhere) the next,
then Canada, Great Britain, Singapore,
Australia. France is a good buyer, but
Italy last year took only a single set of
the cheapest quality. In addition to those
visible exports are the immense number of
sets taken away by tourists. Some inter-
esting details regarding manufacture have
recently become available. Ivory is used
only for the finest sets, costing here \$20
and over. All the rest are made with
the shin bones and hind leg bones of
cattle, the price for which has risen to
about \$50 a ton. Local supplies being
inadequate, considerable imports from
Chicago are supplying the deficiency.

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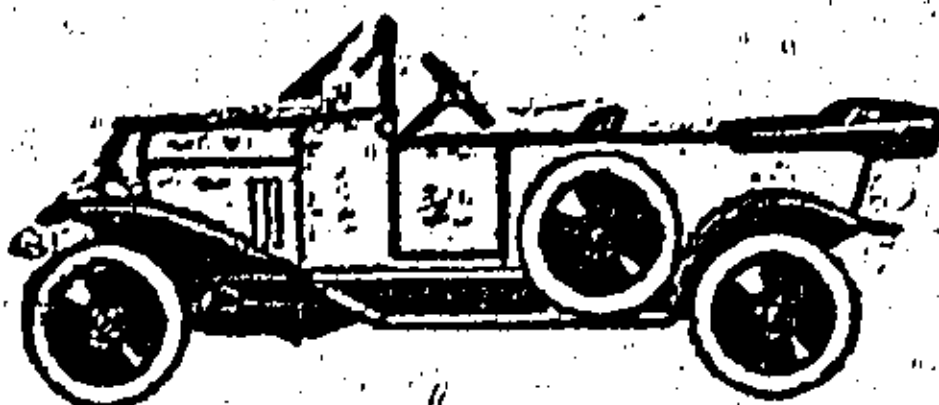
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COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE PROPOSED MOVE TO GINDRINKERS' BAY.

The fortieth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was held at the office of the general managers, Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., Ltd., yesterday morning. Mr. R. Shewan presided and there were also present: the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. A. Cameron (Consulting Committee), Mr. F. J. Tavares (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. A. L. Shields, H. H. Taylor, W. J. Hawker, W. J. Carroll, B. C. Randall, D. W. Munton, A. A. Cordeiro, A. H. M. da Silva, Fung Tat Hang and J. Toppin.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—
—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts are now in your hands and I presume you are agreeable to our taking same as read.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$184,431.23 and after adding \$11,106.61 brought forward and deducting \$80,000 interim dividend, there remains \$115,537.89 for distribution. We recommend that this amount be dealt with as follows:—

To place to reserve fund	\$ 10,000.00
To pay a bonus to staff	3,246.60
To pay a final dividend of \$1 per share	60,000.00
To bonus of \$1 per share	60,000.00
And to carry forward to the credit of next year's account	4,241.29
	\$137,587.89

The result appears to compare unfavourably with that of last year, but it is not really so, as if you will refer to the previous year's accounts, you will see that it included the sum of \$87,000 odd, profit on the sale of 5,000 Cement shares, while on the other hand, you will notice that our actual working account for the year just finished compares very favourably indeed with that of the previous year. We cannot, of course, always depend on paying dividends out of windfalls from the sale of shares, as the money now invested in shares will probably have to be realised for purposes to which I shall refer later on. I trust that the proposed distribution of the profit will meet with your approval and as regards the small item of \$3,246.60 bonus to staff I can assure you that this has been well earned by all those concerned.

You will notice that we have earned in rents, \$13,540.94, which will be increased as the houses now being built come into occupation. These houses, I am pleased to say, have proved to be a very satisfactory investment for the Company.

As you are aware extraordinary general meetings are being held which if passed will increase the capital this year to \$2,000,000. The purpose of this is, as you know, to enable us to transfer the factory from its present valuable site in Kennedy Town to a piece of ground across the harbour at Gindrinkers' Bay. We are promised this land for the new site by the Government at a nominal price of one cent per foot, but we reckon that to fill it in and prepare will cost 80 cents to \$1 per foot and to prepare a portion of the site for the building will be a task at least 18 months under the most favourable circumstances and to be on the safe side perhaps I had better say two years. When the factory has been completely transferred to the new site, the old will be available for further development, or for sale whichever may seem best in your interests. We shall, of course, take the opportunity to reorganise and overhaul the whole factory, scrapping any machinery that we find has become obsolete and substituting new and modern plant. We also intend to put down a small plant for making twine for which we find there is some demand.

As to finance, we cannot just yet estimate what all this will cost but we shall have the new Capital of \$500,000 to utilise and our present investments to fall back upon and eventually there will of course be the present site at Kennedy Town which amounts to 140,000 feet valued to-day at \$11 to \$13 per foot, land adjoining it having recently been sold at the latter figure. So as regards our finances, there should be no difficulty in obtaining all the money we may want.

As some shareholders were strongly of opinion that the Company was under-capitalised at \$600,000 it was decided that the present site, which as I said is worth to-day \$11 to \$13 per foot, should be written up in our books to \$6.50 per foot and the increase amounting to \$901,796 has been transferred to the credit of profit and loss account. Against this the sum of \$900,000 will be paid out in Bonus Shares to that amount, thereby increasing the present capital to \$1,500,000 and this amount will again be raised to \$2,000,000 by the issue of 60,000 new shares at \$10 each. These changes will all be made this year so do not appear in the accounts now before you.

As regards our prospects for the current year, we have not gone far enough for me to prophesy with any degree of safety. We have to contend with increased competition in our different markets and also with a constantly fluctuating hemp market in Manila, but we seem to be able to hold our own and a little more, and I trust we shall continue to do so during the present year.

Finally I have to ask your approval of the items in the profit and loss account of \$2,000, donation to War Memorial Fund and \$1,000 to the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund, which donations I feel sure need no recommendations from me.

I now propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed and that the profit of \$137,587.89 be divided as recommended. After that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

Mr. H. P. White seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, which were carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. W. J. Hawker and seconded by Mr. W. J. Carroll, the re-election of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Messrs. H. P. White and Allan Cameron to the Consulting Committee was carried unanimously.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$350 each, on the motion of Mr. A. L. Shields, seconded by Mr. Cordeiro.

This was all the business before the meeting.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI "HOTELS" LTD.

CONFIRMATORY MEETING.

For the purpose of confirming a number of resolutions which were passed at a meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., held on the 13th inst., an extraordinary general meeting of the Company was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. J. H. Taggart, Managing Director and Chairman of the Company, presided and there were also present: The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. J. Scott Harston, E. M. Raymond (Directors), Mr. J. W. Hawker (Assistant General Manager), Mr. P. H. Suckling (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. H. Birkett, Fung Tat-hang, A. W. Smith, U. M. Omar, R. L. Bridger, F. H. Pentycross, T. R. Parsons, B. E. Maughan, W. H. Brown and E. J. Knight; total number of shares represented: 113,333.

Confirmation of five resolutions dealing with the increase of the capital from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 500,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each and consequent alterations to the Company's Articles of Association proposed by the CHAIRMAN and respectively seconded by the following gentlemen: Messrs. H. Birkett, F. H. Pentycross, R. L. Bridger, T. R. Parsons and W. Smith and carried unanimously.

This was all the business before the meeting.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Subject to final audit, the Directors will recommend to Shareholders, at the forthcoming annual meeting, that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account at 31st December, 1933, be dealt with as follows:—

Write off Buildings and Plant the sum of	\$370,281.01
Pay a Final Dividend of \$5 per share, on account of year 1933, absorbing	300,000.00
Balance about to be carried forward to next year	320,000.00

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET CLOSING QUOTATIONS

FEBRUARY 28TH, 1934.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banks	\$1,130 b., 1135 ss.
Canton Insurances	\$705 b.
Union Insurances	\$228 b.
Kowloon Wharves	\$170 a.
Whampoa Docks	\$185 a.
Shanghai Docks	Ts. 94 b.
Hongkong Wharves	Ts. 192 b.
Hongkong Hotels	127 b.
Humphreys Estates	\$23 1/2 b., 24.10/24 1/2 ss.
Ewo Cottons	Ts. 12.30 b.
Cements	43 1/2 b. & ss.
Hongkong Ropes	\$28 1/2 b., 27 ss.
Watsons	\$35 b., 35 1/2 ss.
Hongkong Electric	\$18 1/2 b., 18 ss.
China Lights	\$28 1/2 b., 26 1/2 ss. x.d.
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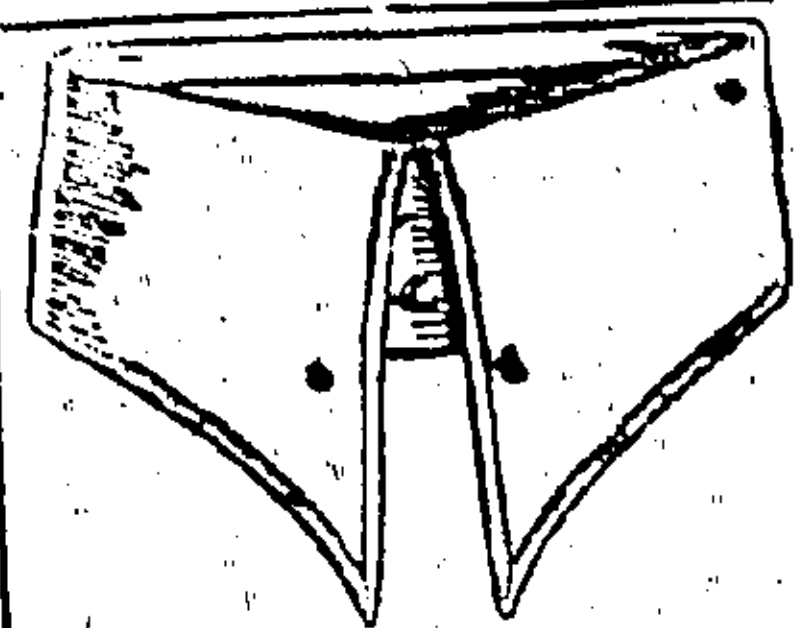
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CRICKET.

NAVY v. UNIVERSITY.

A League match was played between the Navy and the University 1st eleven on Wednesday, on the University ground, and resulted in a draw. Scores:—

NAVY.
Lieut.-Com. Jotham, l.b.w., b. Rumjahn 13
Lieut. Abelson, run out 42
Par-Lieut. Hargreaves, c. Yeow, b. Rumjahn 8
Mid. Lampton, l.b.w., b. Balhetchet 47
Lieut. Simpson, b. Hett 1
Rev. Father Purcell, b. Rumjahn 10
Mid. le Mesurier, c. P. Fane, b. Balhetchet 17
Lieut. Besant, not out 31
Lieut. Boyle, not out 4
Extras 8
Total (for 7 wks., dec.) 181

Lieut. Gould and Surg.-Pomfret did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Balhetchet 13 1 47 2
Rumjahn 17 1 57 3
Hett 6 1 27 1
Quick 3 0 23 0
Yeow 3 0 19 0

UNIVERSITY.
R. A. Ponsonby Fane, run out 45
H. N. Balhetchet, b. Pomfret 11
A. A. Rumjahn, c. Boyle, b. Gould 23
F. K. Quick, b. Gould 20
A. S. Hett, b. Pomfret 39
D. Laing, c. Abelson, b. Gould 4
T. O. Yeow, b. Pomfret 8
M. H. Roffey, not out 4
W. M. Gittens, not out 4
Extras 6
Total (for 7 wickets) 168

B. P. Ng and M. B. Osman did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Hargreaves 8 1 41 0
Pomfret 10 1 40 3
Besant 9 2 23 0
Gould 6 0 29 3
Boyle 4 1 17 0

UNIVERSITY v. C.C.C.

The following will represent the University 1st XI. in a League match against the C.C.C. 1st XI. on the latter's ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m. sharp: J. L. Yangsaye (capt.), M. B. Osman, C. W. Lam, H. Y. Leong, A. T. M. Barma, M. A. Kyum, W. H. Sling, J. Noronha, J. W. Barrow, V. F. R. Vicerjee and F. Hiptoola.

UNIVERSITY 2nd XI. v. C.C.C.

The following will represent the University 2nd XI. in a League match against the C.C.C. 2nd XI. on the latter's ground on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m. sharp: J. L. Yangsaye (capt.), M. B. Osman, C. W. Lam, H. Y. Leong, A. T. M. Barma, M. A. Kyum, W. H. Sling, J. Noronha, J. W. Barrow, V. F. R. Vicerjee and F. Hiptoola.

C.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.

In this friendly fixture, to be played to-morrow, March 1st, at 2 p.m., on the C.C.C. ground, the C.C.C. team will be: B. W. Bradbury, F. E. Lawrence, T. Grimes, D. Fritz, T. J. Dennis, G. White, A. W. Milno, E. More, W. B. Muskett, S. Abbas and M. Pinna.

FOOTBALL.

CLUB v. SURREYS.

The following will represent the Club 1st XI. in their 1st Division League match with the Surrey Regt. on Saturday on the Club ground (kick-off, 4.15 p.m.): G. Rodger, W. Gerrard and C. E. Bishop; A. Mair, J. Stewart and R. G. Wallington; G. Watson, A. S. Forsyth (capt.), H. G. Howard, S. D. Begg and G. Angus.

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A Chinese passenger of a river steamer who was seen to give a likong 45 cents whilst the police were conducting a search for arms was fined \$5 at the Magistracy yesterday. The likong, on being taxed with receiving a bribe, deserted the force. A warrant has been issued for his arrest. No fire-arms were found either on the offending passenger or in his luggage.

The Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) observed that it would be easy for arms to be smuggled aboard vessels whilst policemen like the absconded one were engaged on search duty.

Thousands of merchants have been arrested in Moscow and deported to Siberia, on the ground that they have been conducting "economic counter-revolutionary propaganda."

From 15th till 31st March

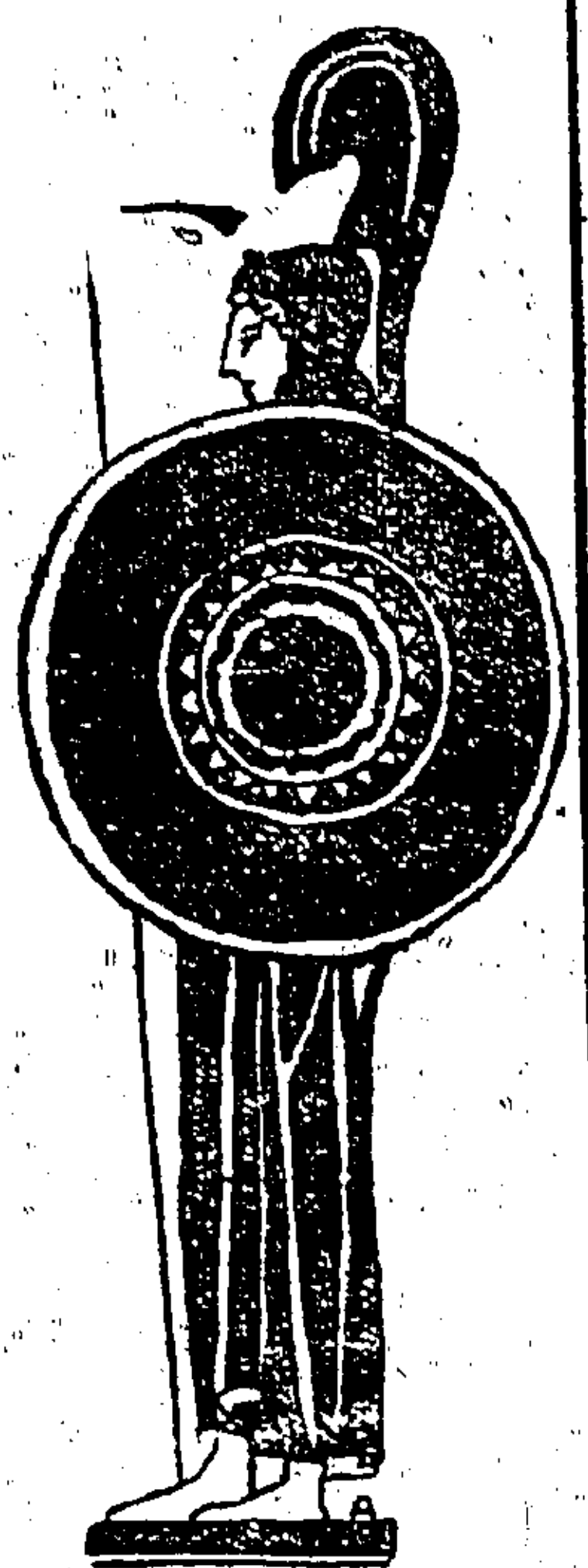
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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday. There were present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR (Sir REGINALD EDWARD STUBBS, K.C.M.G.),
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE TROOPS (Major-General Sir JOHN FOWLER, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.),
Hon. Sir CLAUD SEVERN, K.B.E., C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary),
Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E. (Attorney-General),
Hon. Mr. McI. MESSER, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer),
Hon. Mr. H. T. CROSBY (Director of Public Works),
Hon. Mr. A. E. WOOD (Secretary for Chinese Affairs),
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE (Captain Superintendent of Police),
Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.,
Hon. Mr. A. Q. LANG,
Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU-SUN,
Hon. Mr. A. R. LOVE,
Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTTEWALL,
Hon. Mr. G. M. FLETCHER, C.M.G. (Clerk of Councils).

PRESENTATION OF ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY'S MEDAL.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR taking his seat said: Before we proceed to business, gentlemen, I have a presentation to make. The following are the circumstances: During the typhoon weather on the 27th July, 1923, in the forenoon there was a heavy sea running in the harbour, when a Chinese man and woman attempted to commit suicide by jumping from the Canton Wharf. Mr. Clarke, the Chief Preventive Officer, disregarding his sea-boots and macintosh, jumped in and swam towards the man, who clutched him. Mr. Clarke, while being rapidly washed seawards, held up both the man and woman until help was afforded by Mr. Edley, the wharfinger, who reached them with a long bamboo with a hook on it. The sea was so rough that Mr. Clarke could not have reached the prays wall or the pier except for the very prompt action of Mr. Edley. Mr. Clark was buffeted against the iron girders of the pier but eventually all were landed. Unfortunately, the woman died afterwards. The facts having been represented to the Royal Humane Society they have authorised me to present to Mr. Clarke on their behalf their bronze medal.—(Applause.)

HIS EXCELLENCY, congratulating Mr. Clarke, pinned the medal on his breast, the members of Council standing during the ceremony.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, took the oath and a seat on the Council, filling the vacancy created by the departure from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. Irving, Director of Education.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

RENTS ORDINANCE TO BE RENEWED.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

On His Excellency asking whether there were any notices of questions or motions,

The Hon. Mr. POLLOCK, K.C., said: I beg, Sir, to give notice of a motion which has the unanimous support of my unofficial colleagues, namely, that the Rents Ordinance be continued for a further period of one year from the end of June, 1924.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: It was my intention to bring forward, on behalf of the Government, a motion to that effect at a suitable time before the ordinance expires. In the circumstances, perhaps you would not wish to put forward your motion?

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK agreed.
HIS EXCELLENCY: The intention of the Government is that the ordinance should be renewed. I proposed to leave the matter entirely to the discretion of the Council.

FINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. THE GOVERNOR, laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 6 to 12 and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. THE GOVERNOR, then laid on the table the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 1) and moved that it be approved by the Council.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the motion was agreed to.

PAPERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. THE GOVERNOR, laid on the table the following papers:—

Rule under section 36 of the Tramways Ordinance, 1902, on the 7th February, 1924.

Table L of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1909.

Regulations under section 37 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, on the 12th February, 1924.

Quarterly return of Excesses on Sub-heads met by Savings under Heads of Expenditure (Sessional paper, No. 8 of 1924).

JURORS LIST FOR 1924.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, by command of H.E. THE GOVERNOR, laid on the table the Jurors List for 1924 and moved that it be considered by the Council in Committee.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL seconded and the motion was agreed to.

THE MILITARY LANDS AWARD.

The resolution to approve the acceptance of the award of Sir John H. Oakley in respect of the Military lands was on the agenda, but not proceeded with at this meeting.

SITE FOR A PUBLIC LATRINE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the following resolution:—

"Whereas application has been duly made by the Sanitary Board to the Governor under section 107 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903-1923, for the erection of a Public Latrine at Mongkoktsui on the area situated immediately North of Mongkok Road and immediately West of Shanghai Street;

"And whereas such application having been duly approved by the Governor and a notification of the intention to erect a Public Latrine at such site having been published in three successive numbers of the Gazette, certain owners and occupiers of property in the vicinity have objected to such erection;

"And whereas such objections have been duly considered;

"It is hereby resolved by this Council that the above-mentioned site and the erection thereat of a Public Latrine be and the same are hereby approved."

He said: With regard to the motion standing in my name, the erection of a public latrine at this place was recommended by the Town Planning Committee. The site was approved by the Sanitary Board on the 19th June last, and the necessary intimation was published in the Government Gazette of 7th December. An objection dated the 11th December was received from the architects of the owners of Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1257 and 1253, on which there is a factory said to employ between 50 and 60 workmen. This factory is on the other side of the Shanghai Road. The objection to the erection of a latrine was based on the unsightliness of the building and also that, in the summer time, odours would pervade their premises. They suggested that a better site than the junction of two main roads would be site at the corner of Mongkok Road, which is a short distance away. As it is proposed to set the building back from the roadway, and as the land on which it abuts is an open space, it is possible to provide shrubs to hide the building. It is intended that the premises should be water flushed, so there is not much likelihood of any nuisance arising. According to the usual custom, when the objection was received, it was referred again to the Sanitary Board, and the Sanitary Board confirmed its previous approval. I therefore, beg to move the resolution standing in my name.

The motion was then put to the Council and approved.

MEMORIALS OF RE-ENTRY.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C., in accordance with notice previously given asked:—What is the policy of the Government in regard to cancellation of Memorials of re-entry which has taken place in consequence of the breach of a Covenant for building before a certain date?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY replied:—In practically every case in which the Government re-enters on land for breach of the building covenant an application is received from the lessee to have the memorial of re-entry cancelled. Every such application is carefully considered on its merits. The policy of the Government is not to cancel the re-entry unless the lessee can show either that he has been unable to fulfil the building covenant owing to circumstances over which he had no control, or that there are peculiar difficulties involved in preparing the land for building and that it is in the public interest to allow the lessee an extension of time. In either case it is the usual practice to make it a condition of the cancellation of the memorial of re-entry that the lessee shall pay a sum of money by way of fine, or that he shall pay penal rates assessed according to the circumstances.

THE RENTS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT BILL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend further the Rents Ordinance, 1922. He said: The main Rents Ordinance laid down two rules—that rents should not be raised and that tenants should not be turned out. There was one exception to the second rule, namely, that the tenant can be obliged to quit if the owner intends to reconstruct the house to such an extent as to make it a new building within the meaning of the Rents Ordinance of 1922. Unfortunately, some landlords have used that exception for the purpose of reconstructing their houses, not for reconstruction's sake, but for the sake of the increased rent they could obtain from the new houses which would be subject to the Rents Ordinance. That practice, apparently, has been growing, and the object of this Bill is to check it. The Bill will not in any way prevent reconstruction in proper cases, but it is intended to check reconstruction solely for the purpose of evading the Rents Ordinance, in cases where the house is in substantially good condition. About the middle of January there were 120 houses, I understand, then being reconstructed which, before the commencement of reconstruction, were comparatively new and sound. These figures were only about five per cent. of the

total number of houses under construction at the time; still the number is in itself a substantial one, and seems to call for some legislative interference. The proposal of the Bill is, that all future notices to quit given on the ground of intended reconstruction will not be valid unless there is served with them certificates from the Building Authority, that in his opinion the condition of the tenement in question is such as to make the intended reconstruction desirable. Appeal is provided from the decision of the Building Authority to the Governor in Council, and on that appeal the discretion of the Governor in Council is unfettered. The Building Authority will consider merely the condition of the tenement; the Governor in Council will be entitled to consider any facts that may appear to him to be relevant. That wider discretion is given in order that the Governor in Council may allow reconstruction in special cases, such as the erection of a large modern building on the site of several small and old houses, or the fresh development and laying out of an entire block. This may very well be desirable in the public interest, though the houses may be in a block and in such a condition that they could stand for a considerable time.

The only other thing I have to say will disappoint some of the tenants. The draft of the Bill published in the Gazette provided that the provisions of the Bill should apply to current notices to quit, that is, notices which had been given before the passing of the Ordinance and which were still unexpired. Further consideration of that proposal has disclosed difficulties as to procedure, and difficulties as to the date in respect to which retrospective action would date back. Of course, there is a general objection to all retrospective legislation, which is admittedly unsound and undesirable unless some strong reason can be found for it in particular cases. Consideration of these points, Sir, has led the Government to come to a decision to abandon this proposal in Clause 4, and therefore a motion to that end will be moved in Committee. I beg to move the first reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded and the motion was agreed to.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was afterwards held, the COLONIAL SECRETARY presiding.

RAILWAY SIDING FOR FU TAI AU BRICKWORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$7,000 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Siding at Mile 21 to serve the Fu Tai Au Brickworks.

THE CHAIRMAN: This has been already approved by hon. members.

TEMPORARY SCHOOL AT KOWLOON.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$15,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Buildings, Temporary School, Kowloon.

THE CHAIRMAN: The amount of the contract is \$16,500 but with architects' fees and extras it will be \$17,067. A special vote of \$15,000 was approved towards the end of last year, but nothing was paid.

APPROVED.

MOTOR LAUNCH FOR HARBOUR SOUNDINGS.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$400 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Motor launch for taking soundings and making current observations.

THE CHAIRMAN: This is a re-vote on a contract sum of \$3,000, voted in 1923. It is 5 per cent. on contract detention money.

APPROVED.

RAILWAY ACCOUNTS.

The Officer Administering the Government recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$4,000 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure, Recasting accounts of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, British Section.

THE CHAIRMAN: This sum is required to pay the expenses of the Chief Accountants of the Chinese Section and Chinese clerk who are engaged in recasting the accounts of the British section to correspond with those of other Chinese railways.

APPROVED.

COMPENSATION FOR RESUMPTIONS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$200,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, (104) Compensation and Resumptions.

The Governor also recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$20,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, (135) Compensation and Resumptions.

THE CHAIRMAN: A sum of \$30,000 was provided in this year's estimates of the P.W.D. but owing to the large number of exchanges of land and resumptions that are being effected in Kowloon City and Sham Shui Po to fall in with the Town Planning scheme, it was necessary to supplement the vote by this large sum.

It is probable that further sums will be required. There are two financial minutes, one recommending \$200,000 and the other \$20,000. There was one large resumption to make a 75 ft. street south of the Mongkoktsui typhoon refuge. The cost of this was over \$100,000.

APPROVED.

BULLET-PROOF WAISTCOATS FOR POLICE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,500 on account of Police Department, Special Expenditure, Bullet Proof Waistcoats.

Approved.

THE KOWLOON MARATHON RACE.

SPLENDID WIN FOR LIEUT. ARMSTRONG, M.C.

LAST YEAR'S WINNER DROPS OUT.

Yesterday's Marathon race in Kowloon over a course of 6.1 miles was won by Lieut. C. D. Armstrong, M.C., of the East Surrey Regt., who completed the distance in 35 minutes 40 seconds, which is 13 seconds slower than last year, when Leading Seaman Bell won, and over five minutes slower than A. Mair's win of 1921. There now appears to be some doubt as to whether Mair's time is correct; it is thought that there must have been some mistake in the time-keeping. In 1921, it is true, the course was slightly different in two places to this year's course which was the same as last year. Mair himself admits that while the course when he won was a little shorter in one section, it was a little longer in another, thus making the distance up to about the same as the present one. At any rate, yesterday's time seems more in keeping with the distance.

Last year's winner, V. C. Bell, of the Submarines, was looked upon as a likely winner this year as, during his training, he has been putting up some very good times. One night last week he went round in just over 33 minutes. Yesterday, however, after leading the field half way round, he collapsed with a very bad stitch, and did not complete the course.

With Bell out of it Mair was rather fancied, but after running well he failed in a telling finish up Nathan Road and came in third, G. R. More getting in second eight seconds behind Lieut. Armstrong, and sixteen seconds in front of Mair.

There were thirteen starters. The following who had entered did not run:—Cpl. Naland, Pte. Eager, Police Sergeant, Bradwell, B. G. Tingo (H.M.S. *Titania*), and Pte. S. W. Cleall.

The race was started five minutes after the appointed hour (4 p.m.), Bell, on the outside, going straight away to the front, leading the rest of the competitors right round to the 100-foot road, where he retired. The first competitor gave up, at the Po Hing Theatre, and from then onwards right to the time of Bell's rather sensational collapse the motor-cars following the running picked up all the runners but five. Going out, Bell set up a rattling fine pace and the field was strung out over a distance of about a quarter of a mile, the men in the rear finding the pace much too fast and they were only too glad of a motor-car lift for the rest of the way. Entering the 100-foot road the race started in real earnest, Bell leading with Lieut. Armstrong, More, and Mair very close behind. Pte. Heaver and Pte. Hesterman were running at equal about 100 yards behind the leading party. They had gone some distance along the road when Bell suddenly doubled up and practically collapsed into the arms of a colleague who was pacing him on a cycle. He rested for a minute or so, and then attempted to catch up with the leaders. After a plucky effort of another 100 yards or so, he was obliged to retire and was given a lift back to the finishing point in a motor-car.

It was now a race between Armstrong, More and Mair, all three running together, with Mair for the most part setting the pace. This order was maintained until the race passed over the railway bridge into Nathan Road when Mair took a slight lead, but there was really nothing in it. In Middle Road, going past Anzac House, More sprinted and went into first place, with Mair running second and Lieut. Armstrong third, only a few yards separating each of them. More could not hold his advantage going up the rise of Nathan Road and he was soon overhauled and passed by the Lieutenant, who spurred furiously and increased the distance between himself and More with every stride. Mair also found the hill trying and slowed up considerably. Lieut. Armstrong finished many yards ahead of the others and he was warmly applauded on his success, as were also the second and third men in the two others to finish were: Fourth, Pte. Heaver and fifth, Pte. Hesterman.

At the conclusion of the race Mrs. Lindsay (wife of the Vicar) presented the prizes to the winners. Before doing so the Rev. Mr. Lindsay addressed the gathering, describing the race as perhaps the best of the three races they had held. He hoped the event had come to stay; in fact, he thought it would.

The trophies presented were:—Cup presented by Sir Paul Chater.—Won by Lieut. Armstrong, M.C.
Cup presented by Mr. W. S. Bailey.—Won by Mr. G. R. More.
Cup presented by Mr. H. Penny.—Won by Mr. Mair.

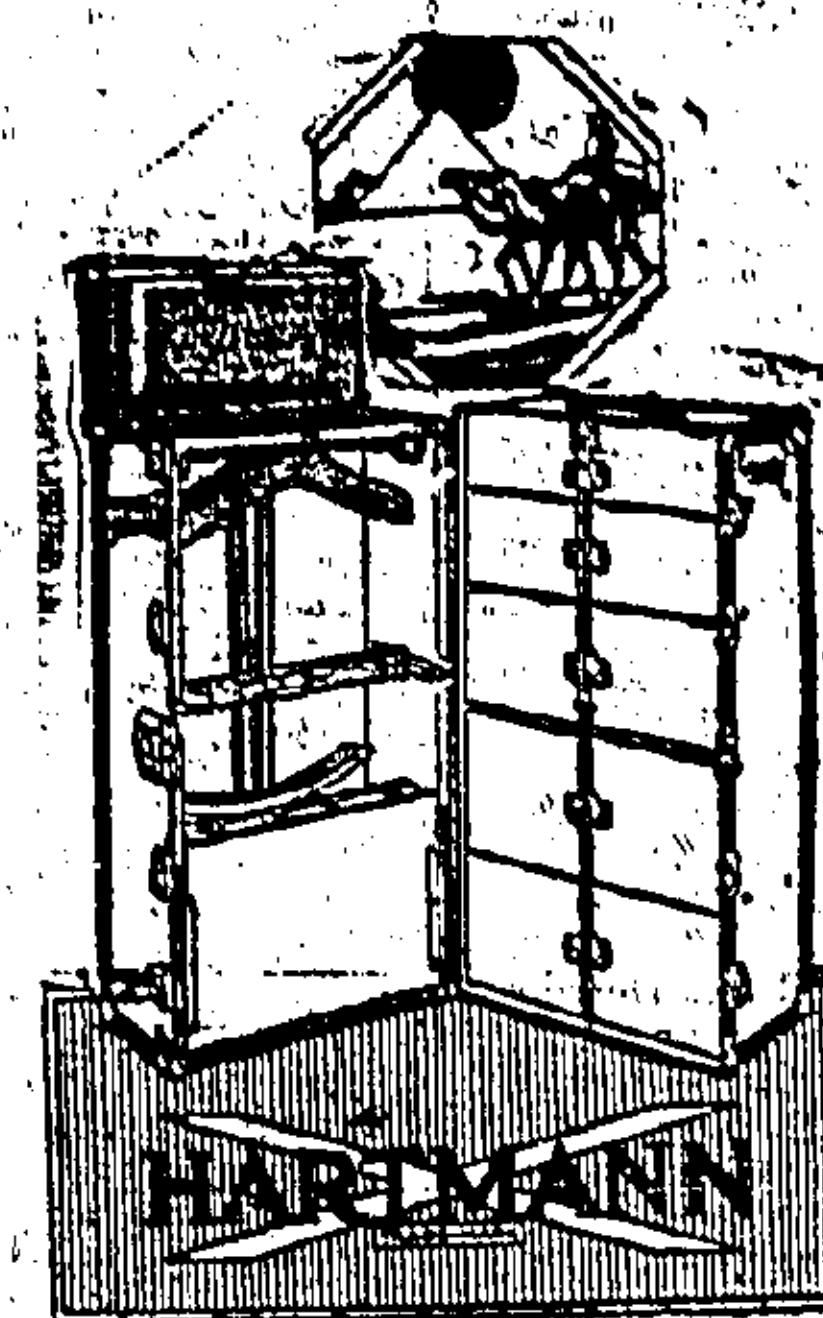
The Officials were:—Organisers, St. Andrew's Church Men's Association; starter, Mr. D. A. Purves; time-keepers, the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith and Mr. N. L. Raiton.

The Committee were indebted to the following gentlemen for the loan of motor-cars:—Mr. Ezra Abraham, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Dr. W. B. A. Moore and Mr. E. Tregillus.

DOWN BY THE STERN.

At the Marine Court, yesterday, Lo Yam, the master of motor-boat, *Wing Chung*, was fined \$20 by Lieut. Comdr. Conway Hake, R.N.R., for carrying excess passengers. When the police searched the boat 25 passengers were on board and the boat was down by the stern.

At the same Court, the master of the motor-boat *Wo Yan* was fined \$10 for failing to observe the rule of the road in the Harbour. He was also fined \$5 for carrying two excess passengers.



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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on the 7th March, 1924, at 10 a.m.

All Claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned before the 10th March, 1924, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 28th February, 1924. [430]

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 12th March, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 4th March, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, 27th February, 1924. [413]

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Hongkong, 27th February, 1924. [418]

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1924. [385]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to 3rd March, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1924. [347]

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THE THIRTY FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 3rd Floor, 23rd February, 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1923, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 18th February, 1924, until Tuesday, the 4th day of March, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1924. [346]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1924. [387]

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF CALL

ISSUE OF 95,000 SHARES OF THE NOMINAL VALUE OF \$10 EACH (\$7.50 PAID UP).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of \$2.50 per Share on each of the 95,000 Shares allotted on the 8th day of November, 1923, has been made by the Company, and that such Call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, in Hongkong, on the 15th day of MARCH, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 15th March, both days inclusive.

For and on behalf of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.
S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary.

Dated the 22nd day of February, 1924. [413]

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Hongkong, 11th February, 1924. [409]

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CHINA AND THE LEAGUE

OF NATIONS.

It is impossible not to admire the pertinacity with which Mr. CHAO CHIN HSU, the Chinese Minister to London, continues to protest on the platform and in the Press against the exclusion of China from a seat on the Council of the League of Nations. We do not for a moment suppose that there was in the minds of the other delegates any idea of casting any reflection upon the ability of China's delegate, for Mr. CHAO is evidently a popular representative of China and his oratorical gifts are scarcely less distinguished than are those of his predecessor in the position, who is, now, the Head of the Foreign Office in Peking, Dr. WELLINGTON KOO. We may certainly take it that the displacement of China on the Council at the last election registered the opinion of the voting delegates not upon the personal qualifications of China's delegate, but rather upon the fitness of China, judged by her maladministration, to have a seat upon a Council which aspires to be the mentor of all the nations of the world. In an article in the Nineteenth Century Mr. CHAO, we are told, emphasises the keenness of the Chinese for the principles of the League and points out that the failure to observe the geographical basis of the Council representation may prejudice the future of the League. It may here be explained that the election of the non-permanent members of the Council of the League of Nations is by secret ballot. The Assembly re-iterated the wish that the election of the six non-permanent members should take place with due consideration for the main geographical division of the world, the great ethnical groups, the different religious traditions, the various types of civilisation and the chief sources of wealth. On each of these grounds China was manifestly entitled to greater consideration than most, if not all, of the States which were successful

in the voting. Forty-five States voted in the election, the absolute majority according to the rules of election laid down being, therefore, twenty-four. The six non-permanent members of the Council elected, and the votes given for each were as follows: Uruguay, 40 votes; Brazil, 34; Belgium, 32; Sweden, 31; Czechoslovakia, 30; and Spain, 30. If only the Chinese, whose "keenness for the principles of the League is emphasised, would take to heart the obvious lesson of this voting, and so reform the internal administration of their country as to win the world's respect, it can confidently be said that the claims of China to representation on the Council would not be ignored. It is more than likely that they would then be acknowledged by election as a permanent member of the Council. The matter is largely in China's own hands. If there is keenness in China for the principles of the League better proof must be given than has yet been done by China that she is living up to those principles. Her lamentable failure, for instance, in the matter of Opium suppression, which is a subject that has engaged so much of the League's attention since its formation, must have created a most unfavourable impression of China at Geneva, and must, in itself, have considerably influenced the minds of the general body of delegates in the voting. "If the League ever ceases to be a world-wide concern," says Mr. CHAO, "the result will be that nations situated on the American Continent will establish their own League, and the nations of Asia will follow suit." The Continent of America has not much to complain about at present, seeing that two States of that Continent headed the list of the six successful candidates in the election, and having regard also to the universal wish among the nations represented in the League that the United States should join them. The idea of the nations of Asia forming their own League is, at the moment, farcical. Japan is a permanent member of the international League which has its headquarters at Geneva and would not be likely to encourage the idea of a purely Asiatic League so long as China remains as impotent as she is to-day as a world force. A well-governed China would have undisputed claims to a seat on the Council and it will be the general wish that she may speedily add this to her acknowledged geographical, ethnical and religious qualifications.

Two porcupines, killed by Chinese in the neighbourhood, were brought into Tai Po on Wednesday.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended 16th February, amounted to 21,356 tons and the sales during the period to 55,557 tons.

There will be a cinematograph display for children to-day (Friday) at the Helena May Institute at 6.30 p.m. The Pathe "University" Machine will be used.—ADVT.

The Canton papers contain a report that a sum of \$13,000 was paid out by the Asia Banking Corporation on a forged cheque which had been presented through a Chinese bank.

Great preparations are being made by Dr. Sun Yat Sen for launching his attack on General Chen Chiung-ming's forces in the East River region. Some skirmishing has already taken place, but the great attack, it is said, will open next week.

An Indian watchman who attempted to arrest a Chinese on Queen's Road on Wednesday, presumably on a charge of creating a disturbance, found the latter too much of a handful, and it was not until a European and an Indian sergeant arrived on the scene that the Chinese was bound and conveyed to the police station.

Private T. Allum, M.M., of the East Surrey Regiment, was found guilty at a Court Martial yesterday, on charges of breaking out of barracks and being drunk on February 10th. Prisoner was arrested in a ricksha near the Hongkong Hotel. He was drunk and had no late pass in his possession. Sentence will be promulgated in due course.

"Leap Year Extras" will be included in the programme of the dance given by the S.P.C.A. on Leap Year Day. In "Leap Year Dances" the ladies ask the men to dance with them, and usually this reversal of ordinary procedure causes much amusement. We understand that before each "Leap Year Dance" there will be much blowing of trumpets to encourage the attack.

A farmer named Tsang Tung committed suicide at his residence, 12, Canton Road, between one and two o'clock yesterday afternoon, by hanging himself from the cross beam of a faultlight.

Mr. D. O. de Silva, also called "Ratu Rarilevu," a chieftain of one of the islands of Fiji, who gave a Red Indian War Dance in the Auditorium at the Manila Carnival during the Visitors' Ball on February 19th, will attend the S.P.C.A. Leap Year Ball to-night in the City Hall when it is anticipated that he will repeat his Manila performance.

THE FORTY YEARS' LEASE

SCHEME.

MR. FLETCHER CLEARS UP A FEW POINTS.

It appears that many of those who attended the public meeting in the Sanitary Board Room on Tuesday to hear the Assistant Colonial Secretary (Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher) explain the Government scheme of leasing land for building purposes—known as the "forty years' lease scheme"—went away with vague ideas on one or two points. These points were cleared up by Mr. Fletcher yesterday, in the course of a brief interview with a representative of the Daily Press.

What would happen (Mr. Fletcher was asked) if, at the end of the forty years' lease, the property failed to realise the upset price at auction?

In such a case (replied Mr. Fletcher) the Government would secure what would undoubtedly be a desirable property. The lessee, however, could buy it in at the stipulated upset price, and this is what, I suppose, he would do.

Is it a *sine qua non* that the investor, having effected a public sale of his property, shall re-invest his original capital in more land?

Yes, decidedly. This condition is an essential one of the contract between the Government and the lessee. It only applies, I would emphasise, to his originally invested capital, and not to such capital as he may recover by way of the sinking fund. This latter capital he can use as he wishes.

The procedure governing a transference of a lease from the special forty years' period to the ordinary seventy years' period with renewal option—continued Mr. Fletcher—is not so involved as some people seem to think. Say land valued at \$200,000 is leased by an investor, and he spends another \$200,000 in developing it. He decides to offer the property—when it is developed, of course, and when he has complied with the conditions of his lease—for sale by public auction. The Government determines the upset price, and no sale can be effected at less than this price. This price is arrived at by adding double the value of the land at the time of entering upon the lease to whatever sum the investor has spent on it, i.e., double \$200,000 (\$400,000) on \$200,000, giving a total of \$600,000. From this has to be deducted whatever the sinking fund has returned to the investor. Say this sum is \$50,000, the upset price would then be \$550,000. Now, suppose the property fetched \$550,000. From this has to be returned to the investor the balance of his capital, namely, \$150,000, he having already received \$50,000 through the sinking fund. This leaves \$400,000 (\$550,000, less \$150,000) for disposal, which sum is divided equally between the investor and the Government, each getting \$200,000. The transaction completed, the investor then has to invest at least another \$200,000 (the amount of his original investment) in more land under the forty years' lease scheme.

Regarding the question of mortgages (concluded Mr. Fletcher), I can only repeat what I said at the public meeting. The Government cannot intervene. It is obvious that many points may arise when a mortgage comes to be negotiated, so this must be a matter for settlement between the parties effecting the mortgage.

CHINESE GENERAL DEAD.

ECHO OF SENSATIONAL ARMED

ATTACK IN HONGKONG.

General Chan Wing-sin died at his residence on Praya Grande, Macao, on Tuesday, as a result of blood poisoning caused by the bullet which struck him when his life was attempted in Hongkong in April last.

Decayed, it will be remembered, was proceeding up Glenalee in a chair when three shots were fired at him. All struck him. It was found impossible to extract the one which hit him in the back, near the spine, and partial paralysis soon set in. Apart from this, the late General enjoyed more or less good health during the few months he had been at Macao.

General Chan Wing-sin was the eldest son of Mr. Chan Chik-yue, sometime Civil Governor of Canton. He was 37 years of age and completed his education at Yale University. He was a prominent official during General Chen Chiung-ming's regime, and was instrumental, as River Defence Commissioner, in lessening the pirate evil. In consequence of these activities his life was many times threatened, and even when he came to Hongkong he was granted police protection for a while. The guards had been withdrawn before the shots which resulted in the General's death were fired.

CABLES.

(LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)BELGIAN POLITICS.
POSSIBLE SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, February 27th.

The fall of the Belgian Government, which has caused consternation in Government circles in Paris, creates an interesting European situation, on account of its international implications just when reparations seem to be entering a decisive stage.

The opposition came from different quarters and was based on diverse grounds, but the most formidable assault proceeded from a combination of Socialist and Flemish Democrats, who, for a long time, have decried the occupation of the Ruhr.

It was feared that the convention might lead to further subservience to France.

The King has requested M. Theunis to form a new Coalition, but it is understood that M. Theunis has declined, and it is now anticipated that the King will summon the Socialists, Vandervelde, or the Flemish Rader, Cuvellier, but the Socialists have been recently advocating a dissolution and preparing for an electoral campaign.

EARLIER CABLES.

SEQUEL TO ECONOMIC CONVENTION.

BRUSSELS, February 27th.

The Chamber has rejected by 35 to 70 votes a bill embodying the Franco-Belgian economic convention. The Premier announced that he would resign as the Government had made the bill a matter of confidence.

The Franco-Belgian convention which has caused M. Theunis to resign has been the subject of negotiation for two years.

The measure has been strenuously opposed by Belgian manufacturers and the Press on the ground that it gave France seven more concessions than were granted Belgium.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL PROGRAMME

RELATIVE FIGURES FOR THE POWERS.

LONDON, February 27th.

In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, said it was not in the public interest to publish the details of the new cruisers, but they would conform with the requirement of the Washington Treaty.

The Admiralty expected the cost to be between £1,600,000 and £2,000,000.

The effect of their building on the number of personnel in the Navy must depend on decisions reached on the replacement programme, which would be the subject of a Government investigation.

The latest figures for the light cruiser strength of Britain, America, France and Japan were as follows—

Britain	45.
America	29.
France	16.
Japan	28.

Mr. Ammon added that had the full programme of the late Government been embodied in the naval estimates for 1924-25 the extra cost involved would have been approximately £3,000,000, and the additional personnel 14,000 men.

Mr. Ammon said the increase in the Mediterranean Fleet did not indicate a change of policy on the part of the Government.

HOUSE OF COMMONS DIVISION.

CONSERVATIVE SPLIT APPARENT.

LONDON, February 27th.

As a result of yesterday evening's vote, it is unlikely that the Poplar debate will be resumed.

The division revealed differences in the Liberal Party. At least a dozen voted with the Conservatives; others abstained as a protest against Liberal tactics, while a large section voted for the Government. There was no clear voting among the Labour members and the Conservatives.

INTER-ALLIED MILITARY CONTROL.

GUARANTEES COMMITTEE MAY BE REVIVED.

PARIS, February 27th.

The Ambassadors' Conference has assembled to discuss the British memorandum for military control of Germany which proposes to revive the inter-Allied plan of September 1922, substituting a committee of guarantees with limited functions for the present control commission. The plan was dropped owing to the occupation of the Ruhr.

LATER.

The Ambassadors' Conference referred the memorandum to the inter-Allied Military Committee at Versailles presided over by Marshal Foch.

BERLIN, February 27th.

A semi-official statement refuses to believe that the British Government will lend a hand to encroachment upon Germany's sovereignty involved in the revival of the guarantees committee which was not provided for in the Treaty of Versailles.

WASHINGTON LABOUR CONVENTION.

LONDON, February 27th.

In the House of Commons in answer to questions, Mr. Shaw, Minister of Labour, announced that he proposed shortly to introduce legislation dealing with the Washington Labour Convention. He added that what had occurred in Germany was a contravention of the convention and could not absolve us from keeping our word.

MR. HENDERSON CRITICISED
ANOTHER ATTACK ON THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, February 28th.

The Government was again the target for attack, this time on the motion for adjournment moved by Mr. Ronald MacDonald, former Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, drawing attention to the question of the Government's responsibility for the utterances of Ministers outside the House.

Particular reference was made to the Government's policy with regard to the Versailles treaty arising from the speech by the Home Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson in the Bursley by-election campaign on February 23rd in which he declared the treaty must be revised if further economic ruin was to be prevented.

Mr. MacDonald replying to the critics, said that Mr. Henderson had apparently been under the impression that as a Minister he could speak as a private citizen. Of course he was wrong. Mr. MacDonald declared the speech was not an expression of the Government's foreign policy, which was defined in his statement.

Mr. MacDonald pointed out that he was waiting reports from the reparations experts' committee, before making a complete survey of all the war problems.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin said that in view of the Premier's reassuring statement the party would not press for a division and the motion was accordingly negatived without division.

MUNICH TREASON TRIAL.

"CASE WILL PROVIDE NO SENSATIONS."

MUNICH, February 27th.

A slight snowfall this morning sufficed to keep away from the vicinity of the court house even the few who assembled yesterday. It is evident that the citizens of Munich are little interested in the trial, because already it is clear the case will provide no sensations and will not have serious consequences for General Ludendorff and Adolf von Hitler, a fact of which these two are probably aware.

One of the accused, Weber, President of the Nationalist Oberland Bund made a statement to-day explaining that the aims of the Bund were chiefly to tear up the Versailles treaty and create a new German Fatherland. He gave an account of his conversations with von Kahr, von Losow (Chief of the Bavarian police) and von Seiser, showing that all three approved of the revolt.

STEVEDORES STRIKE SETTLED.

LONDON, February 27th.

Mass meetings of the members of the Stevedores' Union at Poplar, Canningtown, and Bermondsey this morning unanimously decided to call off the strike. Work will be resumed to-morrow.

HOME FOOTBALL CUP AND LEAGUE MATCHES.

LONDON, February 27th.

In English Cup re-plays Liverpool beat Southampton by two goals to nil and will now meet Newcastle away; whilst West Bromwich beat Wolverhampton Wanderers by the same score and will be at home in the fourth round to Aston Villa.

In Scottish Cup re-plays, Partick beat Hamilton by two goals to one; whilst Falkirk defeated Queen's Park by two to nil.

In the English League, First Division, Huddersfield and Newcastle draw with one goal each whilst Birmingham beat Burnley by two goals to one.

The draw for the fourth round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on March 8th, is as follows—Airdrieonians v. Ayr United; Aberdeen v. St. Bernard's; Hibernian v. Partick Thistle; Heart of Midlothian v. Falkirk.

In the Scottish League Hibernians defeated Kilmarnock by three goals to one, Ayr beat Clyde by two to one, Airdrieonians beat Dundee by four to two, Raith and Motherwell drew with one each and also did Morton and Aberdeen with the same score.

BOXER'S SERIOUS ILLNESS.

HAVANA, February 27th.

Battling Siki, the Senegalese heavy-weight boxer, is seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP SCRATCHING.

LONDON, February 27th.

Epinal has been scratched for the Lincolnshire Handicap.

LATEST CABLES.
(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

U.S. OIL SCANDAL.

MR. DAUGHERTY WILL NOT RESIGN.

WASHINGTON, February 27th.

Referring to the demands for his resignation, Mr. Daugherty has issued a statement in which he says he does not intend to even consider resigning until there has been a fair hearing of the charges against him.

EARLIER CABLES.

IN MEMORY OF MR. HARDING

JOINT SESSION OF U.S. CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, February 27th.

A joint session of Congress was held in honor of the memory of the late President Harding at which President Coolidge, Mrs. Harding, Cabinet Ministers and members of the Diplomatic Corps were present.

Mr. Hughes, the Secretary of State, in an eloquent address, declared that Mr. Harding's death was due to his exhaustion of himself in the service of his country.

Mr. Hughes concluded with a charge that Mr. Harding's spirit of brotherly understanding must characterize his countrymen if American life were to be worth living.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MILITARY AFFAIRS AT FOCHOW.

PEKING, February 28th.

General Sun Chuan Fang with his Staff left Fochow on the 27th inst. for Yenching where he will establish his headquarters, apparently having found himself undetermined at Fochow by Wang Yung Chuan.

THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER.

PEKING, February 28th.

The Cabinet this morning voted \$80,000 to be set aside for expenses of the headquarters of the Tapan of the North-West frontier affairs. Feng Yu Hsiang.

CHINA AND RUSSIA.

PEKING, February 28th.

The Cabinet considered a report from Dr. C. T. Wang regarding developments in Sino-Russian Affairs.

CHINA'S INTEREST IN LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

LONDON, February 27th.

In an article in the Nineteenth Century on Asia and the League of Nations, Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, Chinese Charge d'Affaires, urges China's claims to a seat in the Council of the League. He emphasises China's knowledge for the principles of the League and points out that failure to observe the geographical basis of the Council representation may prejudice the future of the League.

If the League ever comes to be a world wide concern, says Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, the results will be that the nations situated on the American continent will establish their own league and the nations of Asia will follow suit.

BRITAIN'S SHARE OF BOXER INDEMNITY.

LONDON, February 27th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. A. Ponsonby replied in the affirmative to a question whether the Government intended to introduce a Bill enabling them to appoint a committee to deal with the disposal of the Boxer indemnity, but said that no inference should be drawn with regard to the likelihood of the Boxer indemnity fund becoming available for defaulted payments on unsecured debts of the Chinese Government.

JAPANESE ARRESTED AT VLADIVOSTOK.

TOKYO, February 27th.

Semi-official Foreign Office advices confirm a despatch from Vladivostok reporting the arrest of Capt. Matsui, a member of the General Staff.

The Russian authorities are reported to have searched his residence on Feb. 25th, arresting him without explanation, also his two interpreters.

TRADE MARKS LAW.

PEKING, February 27th.

The Diplomatic Corps have not yet received a reply to their Note stating the conditions upon which the Powers are prepared to recognise the Trade Marks Law.

It appears that the Powers, on January 12th, sent a Note to the Waichiaoou requesting a general assurance that the new Law would not operate in any way detrimental to foreign treaty rights. No reply to this Note had been received when the aforesaid Note was sent, but later the Waichiaoou replied giving an undertaking that priority of trade marks registered with the Customs would be guaranteed. This was not what the Diplomatic Corps wanted, as they were satisfied with the provision in the Trade Marks Law which recognises priority of usage, even though the mark is not registered with the Customs.

In a further Note, therefore, the Diplomatic Corps removed the Chinese misapprehension in that regard, and now there does not seem to be any serious obstacle in the way of a final settlement.

Without casting doubt on the Chinese good intentions, the Diplomatic Corps point out that obviously the Chinese will meet with serious difficulties in applying their law unless foreign expert assistance is employed.

It has been hinted that the cost of such assistance will be considerable, but this is a small consideration in view of the amount of revenue China will receive immediately the Powers recognise the Law, but if the Government insist on assistance of a Customs Commissioner familiar with the registration of trade marks that probably will be found to be satisfactory as a preliminary measure, and taken as a proof of a desire to make progress in this important matter.

CHINA AND LIMITATION OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

PEKING, February 27th.

Questioned regarding a Reuter's Agency message from Rome to the effect that China, among others, had declined to accept the limitations of naval armaments, a representative of the Waichiaoou, this evening, said that the message was a misquoting of the Chinese message, adding that China had always been peace-loving. She had never hesitated to lend her support, albeit meagre, to any project tending to eliminate warfare, but she possesses only a few cruisers with an aggregate displacement of about 15,000 tons, which are comparable with only one medium-sized dreadnought. It therefore is evident that China's naval forces are far from sufficient for defensive purposes. Considering the extent of her coastal line, which is nearly 2,800 miles, she should have the right of a much larger fleet, and limitation at all in her case would practically mean no navy.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(BEFORE HIS HONOUR THE PEKING JUDGE (MR. JUSTICE GOMPERTZ).)

SEQUEL TO A HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Two Chinese were arraigned for having robbed two Chinese women at Stanley Gap.

The evidence showed that a young married woman and her daughter were walking along the road from Repulse Bay on the morning of January 10th, and just before reaching Stanley Gap they were intercepted by the two prisoners who threatened them with bamboo poles and robbed them of their money and jewellery. The robbers were captured shortly afterwards with the aid of police from the Wong Nei Chong Gap Police Station.

The men were found "Guilty" and sentenced to three years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the "cat."

The Jury empanelled for the case were Messrs. J. R. Chapman, J. E. Anderson, J. C. de Rozario, T. W. Riddell, S. Meyer, H. A. Jones and R. McKellar.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

HOW ARMED ROBBERIES ARE PREPARED.

Before the same Jury five Chinese stood their trial on a charge of conspiring together to commit an armed robbery between the 4th and 29th of January.

Mr. Dyer Ball conducted the case for the Crown. He described the case as a somewhat unusual one. "This conspiracy," he said, "to commit a robbery is made up of a series of conversations between different men at different places and dates and it would be shown by the evidence that at the time of their arrest the prisoners were about to embark on a robbery."

The whole thing started, as far as the police were aware, on the 5th January. On that date a certain man called Kong Lok, who lived at Bulky Street, Hung-hon, was visited by the first prisoner. They went to smoke opium together. In the opium den they met another man called Leung Mee. A conversation ensued as to the difficulty of finding work to do. Leung Mee suggested that it was better to "dig" than to have nothing to do. "That is a perfectly harmless remark," pointed out Mr. Dyer Ball, "but when we know that to dig is the slang term for 'to rob,' it makes all the difference. 'Dig' where shall we dig?" asked the first prisoner. Leung Mee suggested that they could "dig" about two or three hundred at the house where he lived (No. 60, Wuhu Street), supporting this statement by adding that there was a fire-lined coat there which would easily bring in over \$100.

The next stage in the case, said Mr. Dyer Ball, was on the 9th January when Kong Lok went to the Ying Wah tea house. There he met the first and fourth prisoners and a man called So Ping. There was further mention of this "digging." So Ping, this time, suggested that they would be better to "dig" if they had the courage to "dig." The third stage developed after a lapse of a fortnight when Kong Lok met the first and third prisoners and So Ping. There were further conversations about "digging" and So Ping heard Kong Lok ask the first prisoner if he could find three rolls of crepe silk, meaning three daggers, and pointing out that "puppies" were not required, the latter remark signifying short fire-arms. The first prisoner said he would arrange that, adding that he could bring in some 50 or 60 cent men (meaning Triad Society men) to help.

The most important step in the plot was that the first, third, fourth and fifth prisoners were heard planning together in a doorway in Temple Street to meet at the Ying Wah tea house at 6.30 a.m. the following morning when they would go to Hung-hon No. 60 to commit the robbery. The police were informed and the five men were arrested at the tea house or in the neighbourhood of the tea house. When searched by the police three daggers, six gags and a roll of tape were found on four of the prisoners. Nothing was found on the fifth prisoner.

Evidence bearing out the above was then called.

All prisoners denied knowledge of any conspiracy. The second defendant went into the witness-box and denied it.

In summing up His Lordship mentioned that three of the Crown witnesses were informers and that two of them were awaiting deportation. If the evidence be true then the seizure of the men and the articles they had on them prevented the case from going much further.

The Jury were absent some time and on returning said their verdict was guilty against the first four defendants and not guilty against the fifth. He was accordingly discharged.

His Lordship sentenced all four defendants to three years' hard labour.

GAOL PRISONERS.

PEKING, February 27th.

The Ministry of Justice has issued an order to the Courts throughout China in pursuance of a mandate issued by the President on January 1st for an inquiry and report regarding (1) prisoners under sentence; and (2) those who have been in prison for long periods.

With regard to the first list, the Courts are required to ascertain what circumstances, if any, may be forwarded in mitigation of sentence, while the conduct of those in the second class is to form the basis for a reduction of sentence.

FATHER VAN PRAET.

PEKING, February 27th.

The Government has received a telegram stating that Father Van Praet, the Belgian priest who was recently rescued from bandits, safely arrived at Suiyuan on the 23rd inst.

UNION CHURCH.

ANNUAL MEETING.

ASSISTANT PASTOR PROPOSED.

The annual meeting of seatholders of the Union Church, Kennedy Road, was held last evening. Business was preceded by a number of musical items. The proceedings opened with an organ recital by the organist, Mr. S. Collett. Refreshments were provided for seatholders and later several musical items were rendered by Mrs. Harlow, Mr. Skinner and Mrs. Dowse.

The CHAIRMAN of the meeting (Mr. G. M. Shaw), elected by the seatholders present, in moving the adoption of the annual report and accounts, said that it was very gratifying that the weekly offerings were so well maintained. The past year, he continued, had been a very important one for the Church and he would like to take the opportunity of placing on record their pleasure regarding Mr. Macdonachie's decision in April last to continue his Ministry amongst them until 1928.

The year under review, he said, saw the start of the Kowloon Union Church and he thought they could look to the future with every confidence, knowing that this branch, or sister Church, was desired by their friends in Kowloon. The reports of the new church meetings were very encouraging. The Chairman thanked the ladies for their work in providing funds for the handsome new pulpit.

In conclusion, he favourably commented on the installation of electric light and fans in the Church.

Mr. BONNER seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, which were unanimously adopted.

THE QUESTION OF ASSISTANT PASTOR.

The Hon. SECRETARY (Mr. Cubey) said that a suggestion was made to the Committee that it would be advantageous for the Church to engage an Assistant Minister. The Minister, he said, found that much of his time was taken up with committee work such as hospital boards, mission and other outside agencies on which it was very desirable that the Union Church should be represented. Many of these meetings were held at 3.30 p.m. or thereafter, which greatly hindered the work of pastoral visitation. Invitations came to Mr. Macdonachie to visit barracks and naval ships which he was quite unable to accept and an assistant would be able to do this work and also assist in visiting the members of the congregation and the military, naval and civil hospitals. It had been impossible of late to participate in conducting services in the Peak church and this would then become practicable. An important point was that this appointment would solve the difficulty of finding pulpit supplies during the holidays and furloughs of Kennedy Road and Kowloon Pastors.

The Committee of Management had not been able to closely inquire into this and they submitted the following resolution:

"That the Committee of Management is instructed to inquire carefully into the question of the engagement of an assistant pastor and if it is considered necessary and financially possible, a seatholder's meeting be called to receive a report from the Committee."

Mr. HICKLING seconded the resolution, pointing out that it was too big a question to saddle the present meeting with. He thought a second meeting should be called for this purpose.

The Pastor then addressed the meeting as some length on the subject. The question, he said, was one of special interest to him and consequently he hoped seatholders would not think that they were getting on Assistant Minister simply because he was not able to carry on the work. "I am able to carry on," he emphasised, "Mr. Macdonachie. I don't want it to be simply a question of relieving me. That is not the point. The point is I want more work done. I want things done that can't be done now."

The suggestion, he continued, had been in the newspapers and if there were any who ridiculed it he invited them to come and have a look at his diary—mentioning his engagements for the ensuing week—which meant that he could not find time to visit his flock. It was all very well for seatholders to say "Call when you are passing." If they had a look at his diary they could see whether he had time to pass. During his term of service, the seatholders had ample opportunity of finding out whether he was fond of work or not. If anybody thought that he wanted an assistant pastor because of his disinclination for work then he was going home by the next boat. He wanted them also to think of the question of furloughs. He had been trying to arrange for relief during his coming furlough but up to the present he had met with no end of refusals in every direction. In fact, he had combed China without any success, and now that they had formed two congregations it was essential that a third pastor be secured.

Mr. Macdonachie then dealt with the financial side of the question and referred to a promised donation if the scheme materialised, which he did not want to say too much about at that juncture. He suggested that the Committee be given authority to proceed with the matter without the necessity of calling a second meeting.

Mr. KEY proposed that the resolution be amended to include Mr. Macdonachie's suggestion at the end of his speech. As there was no seconder to the amendment the original resolution was put to the meeting and carried.

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PANAMA CANAL DANGERS.

THE PROBLEM OF THE LOCKS AND THE GATUN DAM.

The U.S. Fleet last month engaged in manoeuvres off the Atlantic end of the Panama Canal, and the result of the first day's operations were somewhat disquieting. These were directed to a bombardment of the canal by battleships, and it was proved that the "enemy" ships, from positions some twenty miles from the entrance, were able to drop shells quite easily on the Gatun dam and locks, several miles inland, while the biggest guns of the shore defences were unable to get their shells within ten miles of the bombarding vessels.

This is what many people expected, and is a complete justification of the decision arrived at by the board of consulting engineers who, when the U.S. Government bought out the French company twenty years ago, were asked to report as to whether the canal should be a lock canal or a sea-level waterway. The report pointed out that the sea-level plan was the one which offered reasonable assurance of safe and uninterrupted navigation, that its cost would be \$50,000,000 dollars, and that it would "last for all time."

But the Canal Commission, which had the final word, rejected the advice of the experts, mainly on the ground of cost, and the canal was built with locks, five altogether, by means of which the canal rises 81 feet above mean sea level. In addition an enormous dam was built to maintain the waters of the Gatun Lake, which have an area of 164 square miles.

At the time M. P. Bunau-Varilla, the chief engineer of the French company, warned the American Government that a lock canal would prove an expensive and dangerous mistake. The canal, he pointed out, is situated in the earthquake zone, and quite a small earthquake would be capable of destroying the locks and the great dam, which he declared was inherently weak. Other authorities were of opinion that the development of naval artillery would sooner or later place the locks at the mercy of a hostile fleet, and in the last few years it has been clearly demonstrated that they can be bombed from the air.

M. Bunau-Varilla's prediction that the lock canal would in the end prove the more costly was abundantly verified. When the canal was completed the American Government had spent some 400,000,000 dollars on it, nearly double the maximum cost estimated by the board of engineers for a sea-level canal. In order to recompense themselves, the American Government induced Congress to pass an Act appropriating the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty, which guaranteed equal treatment to the vessels of all nations and in its place gave a preference to American vessels. This violation of an international treaty was vigorously protested against by Great Britain and other countries, with the result that at the instance of President Wilson Congress repealed the exemption Act two years later.

Since the canal was opened it has been more than once closed on account of landslides in the Culebra Cut, and now that its vulnerability to attack from the sea and air has been demonstrated there will probably be a revival of the scheme to construct an alternative sea-level canal across Central America—two routes have been suggested, one north and one south of the Panama zone—ready for the time when the fifty mile long lock canal between Panama and Colon may have to be abandoned.

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Mr. W. W. McKENZIE then proposed a further resolution.

"That this meeting of seatholders approve of the proposed revised constitution of the New Territory Evangelical Society and agree to this Church becoming a unit of the controlling body."

Mr. MACONACHIE seconded and pointed out the great convenience which would arise from the union of the two churches—the English and Chinese Churches.

The motion was carried.

The Rev. Mr. JOHNSTONE, Pastor of the Kowloon Union Church, then addressed the meeting on the prospects of the church in Kowloon. Dealing with the question of a suitable site he said that residents were now moving farther and farther out from the centre of Kowloon and there were many now in Kowloon who favoured a site for the church. "Over the hills and far away." The time was hardly ripe for him to say too much on the progress of the church, but friends were most hopeful for the success of the venture and were most hearty in their support.

The Officials were elected as follows:—Mr. E. B. Cubey, Trustee; Mr. E. B. Cubey, Hon. Secretary; Mr. Currie, Hon. Treasurer; and the following committees:—The Ladies' Committee: Mrs. Macdonachie, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Fraser, Mr. Cubey, Mrs. Gerrard, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Milne, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Hom, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Muir.

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JACKIE COOGAN. BRIBED TO EARN £200,000 A YEAR.

Have the young generation as many heroes as older people used to have? The question is answered by Mr. Max Pemberton in the *Weekly Dispatch*.

I was saying to somebody the other day, writes Max Pemberton, that boys and girls have few heroes or heroines in this present year of grace. It was very different thirty years ago. The youth of that day had many models. Most boys wanted to be Dr. Grace or A. E. Stoddard if they were cricketers, Fred Archer if they rode horses, and Sir Henry Irving if they desired to do on the stage. Women looked about Ellen Terry, and a little earlier about Kate Vaughan, at the Gaiety and Maud Branscombe of the divine eyes and Violet Cameron of the golden hair.

And yet I wonder. A small, still voice whispers to me: What about Jackie Coogan, the child artist who earns a larger salary than any child has earned in the history of the world? Is it true that many a small boy and many a small girl would like to be Jackie Coogan?

I have seen Jackie Coogan in two pictures and I thought him quite remarkable. His natural ability was extraordinary. He was upon the stage the child that he is off. They tell me to-day that his earnings are £200,000 a year—and that, of that vast sum, he himself receives about ten shillings a week, paid on Wednesdays and Fridays. Clearly he can afford to put threepence into the collection plate on Sunday.

RYALS.
 Consider these earnings of a mere child, who is rising nine years of age, as they say of horses. When Charlie Chaplin discovered him, he must have been a little more than five, and we all know what he did in "The Kid." There may or there may not be other children who could have done it, but I think most London managers would be unacquainted with them.

Perhaps, in their self-defence, we may recall the story of the "Infant Roscius," William Henry West Betty, who made his first appearance in London in 1803—he being then twelve years old—and in fifty-six nights earned the sum of £14,000. These were great takings in those days; these we do not hear much of "the infant" in later years, though he lived to the ripe age of 81 and died within the memory of many now living.

Jackie Coogan's story is delightfully romantic. He was the son of modest vanderbilt artists, who played in the "broadway" streets of New York. Night by night he used to watch his people from the wings; but one night, by accident, he ran out on to the stage and that was his first public appearance.

When fame came, he remained indifferent to it. Even to this day, his own ambition is to become a great baseball player and his proudest possession is a miniature suit in the fashion of the kit worn by the greatest players. In the films he has hardly any interest at all, and those who visit his house are most likely to discover him upon his hands and knees playing with some new mechanical toy.

BRIBED TO ACT.
 By these they bribe him to act—and when he desires to be "Kid" no longer the present is bought and the trap is baited. So much acting, so much toward the new toy engine.

Paderewski, who visited his house in New York, declares that he would make a first-rate violinist. The film people say that his chances as a boy actor will last for some three years more, and that afterwards his fate is on the knees of the gods or goddesses.

Perhaps, in after years he will have forgotten the very existence of the screen—and, it may be, as a great and dignified musician, he will be shown photographs and will exclaim: "Did I indeed do that?" Or, just as possibly he will become the Fairbanks of his age, and, perceiving where the money is, will stick to a profession which already has so greatly enriched him. Time shall decide and temperament.

LEAP-YEAR.

WHY WOMAN HAS THE PRIVILEGE.

This is a leap-year. A leap-year is one whose number in the Christian Era can be divided by four without remainder, the century years—1000, etc.—being excepted. The necessity for leap-years lies in the fact that the solar year consists of 365 days, 5 hours 48 minutes, and therefore periodic readjustment is necessary.

The most famous custom associated with leap-year is the one which gives women the privilege of proposing instead of being proposed to, on every 29th of February.

This privilege is legendarily said to have been enjoyed out of St. Patrick by St. Bridget. In more recent times the right has, apparently, been extended to cover the whole year—an extension which has caused some nervousness in the minds of bachelors.

In parts of New England there lingers a curious superstition that in leap-year beans grow on the wrong side of the pod. Archbishop Whitgift, Edward Cave, who founded the *Gentleman's Magazine*, Rossini, the composer, and the eldest son of the present Duke of Abercorn were all born on February 29th. There are about 29,000 people in Great Britain with their birthday on this date.

The battles of El Toh, 1894, and Adowa, 1896, were both fought on February 29th, and Disraeli formed his first Administration on February 29th, 1868.

TWENTY CHILDREN AS MOURNERS.

Mr. Stephen Highland (otherwise John Farley), of Church-street, St. Blazey, Cornwall, described as "retired hawker," who died on October 11th last, leaving estate valued for probate at £288, requested in his will that twenty children between the ages of 5 and 7 years should follow him as mourners at his burial, and should each be paid one shilling for so doing.

PHRASES TO AVOID. A GOETHE-FIGHTER LIST OF PROHIBITIONS.

A "black list" of slovenly phrases, in whatever language they may be pronounced or written, drawn up by Goethe, and published in the current issue of the literary monthly *Indischkrit*, is doubly interesting as a fore-runner of Sir Henry Hadow's recent protest against carelessness and sloppiness. The philosopher Goethe fought incessantly against loose statements and "superfluous" expressions. This united the two friends in a common campaign: together they made a collection of phrases to be avoided. "This gave us occasion," Goethe added in a note appended to the list—"To ponder closely over the origin of these polite, precautionary, flattering words, disarming all objection of reader or listener at the outset." The list is as follows—

To a certain extent.	I might almost say.
As is generally	As is generally
Nearly.	allowed.
Approximately.	If I may say so.
Scarcely.	Why should I not
I believe.	confess that?
I imagine.	If I am not making
I don't deny.	a great mistake.
Possibly.	It must not be
Perhaps.	thought that.
According to my	I am not saying too
opinion.	much.
If one likes to.	As is natural.
As far as I am	As one may easily
aware.	imagine.
If I am rightly in-	One must admit
formed.	that.
If I remember	One may permit
richly.	me.
Said with all due	I may be pardoned
reserve.	for.
I shall not be wrong	A kind of.
in saying.	Stated quite plainly.

Bilious?

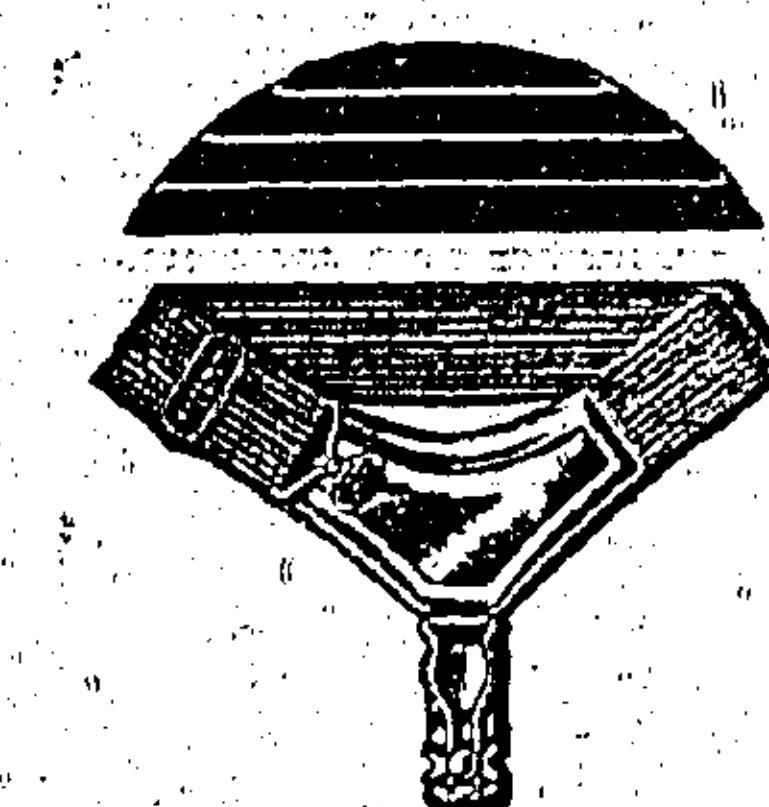
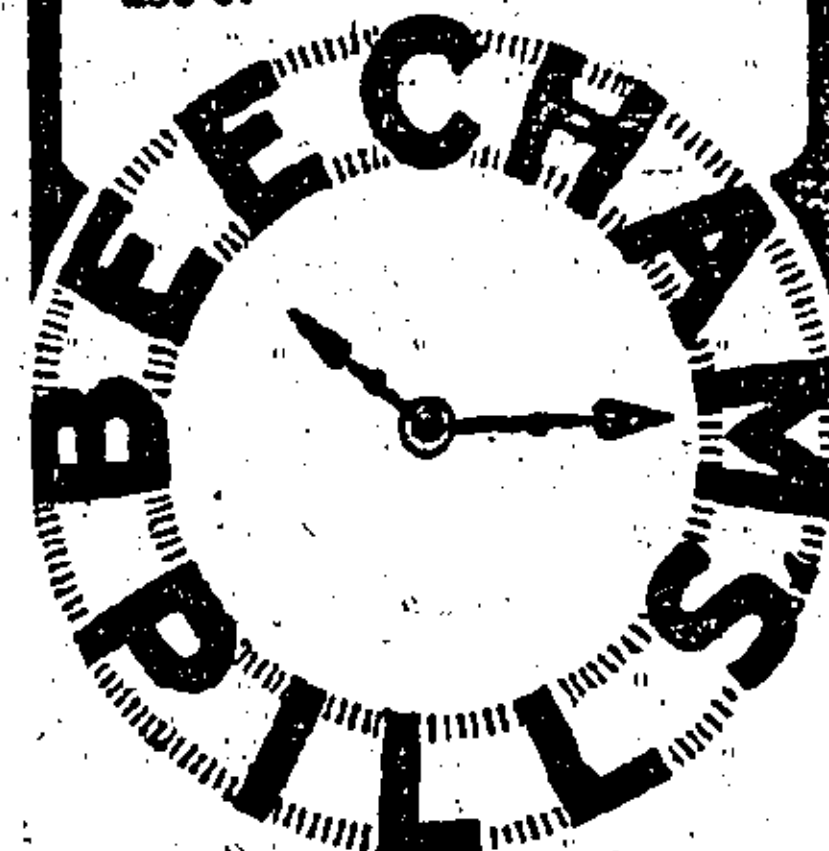
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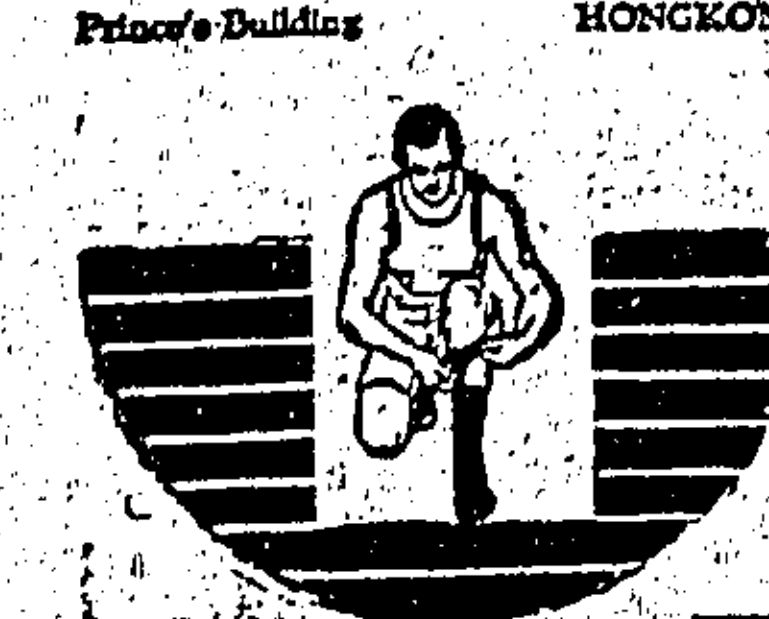
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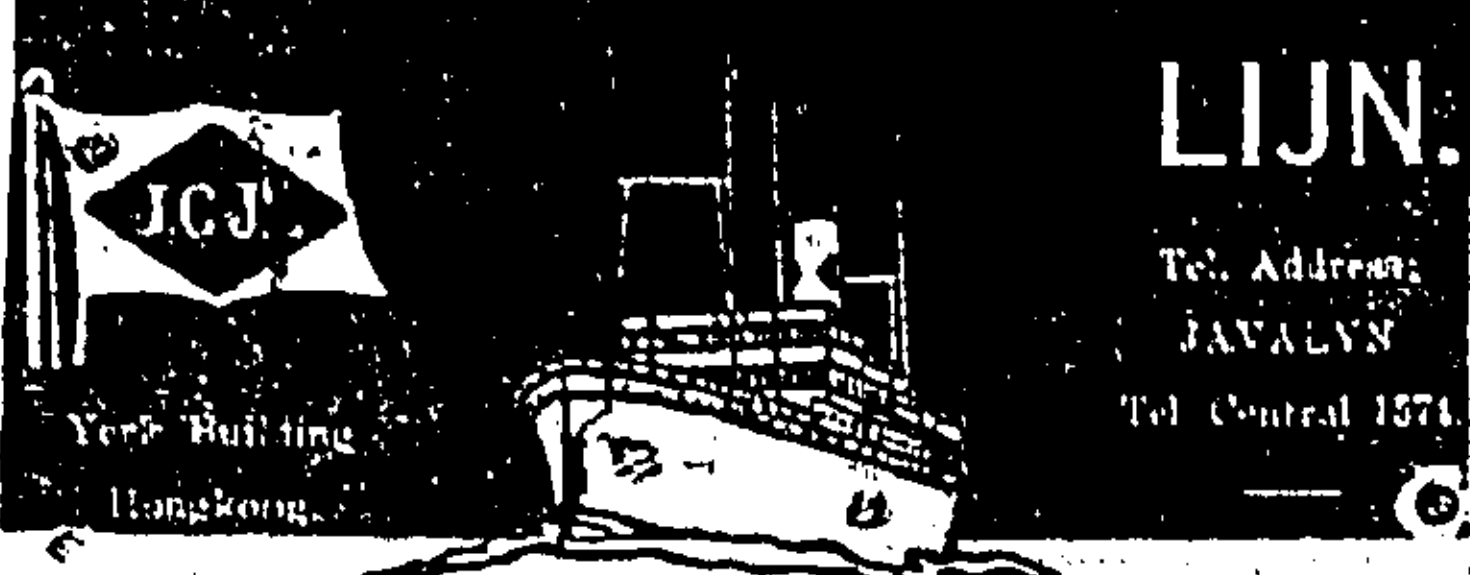
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STEWARDS' DEAL ON CHANGE.

SMOKE-ROOM SPOILS.

There were many eager applicants at the offices of the shipping companies yesterday says a Home paper of December 18th for jobs as stewards. The announcement that a retired chief steward had left \$24,000 in his will was responsible. The steward who made money, said a shipping authority, is the steward who uses his brains. These in the large liners are the servants for days at a time of the world's leading financiers and they can become, with the information given to them, highly successful dabblers on the Stock Exchange.

"I know of one man on the Transatlantic service, an officer, who at the age of forty had not a penny. He retired at the age of sixty with an income of more than \$1,000 a year, entirely built up by using information given to him by passengers who wanted to do him a good turn."

"Chief stewards, generally speaking do not receive tips. The chief steward of an intermediate liner is not too well paid, but the men who rise to the post in one of the world's largest ships receive (and, res. earn) good money."

It is known that the chief steward of one of the world's largest ships is paid more than \$1,200 a year, and that the captain of his ship receives very little more. The circumstances in that case, however, are unusual.

ENTERTAINMENT TIPS.
"Tipping on board a Transatlantic liner is often extravagant. I have known an American traveller give his dining-room steward \$10 at the end of a five days' crossing. The normal tip is about one-fifth that amount."

Even so, a steward serving eight tables may easily pocket \$20, and as the "Big Six" from Southampton make thirty trips a year a man has done badly who has not pocketed \$200 in addition to his pay."

It is well-known that men are more generous tipped than women. Consequently the smoke-room steward of a liner is likely to come off best."

He profits not only from the tips he receives in bulk from his patrons when the ship makes port, but also from all the odd shillings and sixpences in change that the happy-go-lucky smoke-room habitué has not bothered to take. He benefits also from the work he does in running the auction pool on the ship's daily run."

There was at one time a custom that allowed the smoke-room steward ten per cent. of the pool. That might be as much as £70 in a day, for a £700 pool is by no means unknown in a large ship, with a sporting crowd of passengers."

NEWSPAPER COMBINES.

At the annual meeting of the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools, held in London, on January 2nd, Mr. G. R. Parker (Battersea) submitted the following resolution, which was also adopted with unanimity:

"That this association regrets that owing to the concentration of the ownership of the Press into a few hands it is increasingly difficult for a fair statement of both sides of a controversial question to be presented to the public."

Newspaper combines might, he said, mean cheaper production, but the economy would be effected by the reduction of the number of persons employed and the number of newspapers published. There were a number of honourable exceptions to the practice of the syndicated newspaper—exceptions which still made it their chief function to publish news with honest comment. A few weeks ago Viscount Burnham had said that the country got the Press that it deserved. He (Mr. Parker) was not quite sure whether that was not an unkind thing to say. (Laughter.) At any rate, it seemed to be a painful commentary on fifty years of popular education that there should be such a large part of the public of this country ready to have its views made for it and thrust upon it at the instigation of gentlemen of the type of "Lords Botherum and Gatherum."

This willingness to be duped was symptomatic of the general lethargy which seemed to have descended on the present generation, a lethargy which was physical, mental, and spiritual. How many people, for instance, would walk a hundred yards if there was a "bus" there? The same tendency was evident in regard to the cinema. No doubt the cinema had great educational possibilities, but the cinema "fan" did not want films which caused him to do much thinking. What did Omar say?

A reel of Charlie, may the gods allow, A cushioned seat, a bag or two, and thou Beside me sitting in the picture-house, And picture-house were paradise enow.

EMPIRE EDUCATION.

ENGLISH PEOPLE'S LACK OF IMAGINATION.

"I cannot help thinking that the English people are lacking in imagination, and are quite regardless of the possibilities of the Empire of which they form a part," observed Mr. Victor Fisher at the Imperial Institute in a lecture on Australia, one of a series he is delivering under the head of "Our Empire and Our People."

If the French or Germans owned the Empire that we did, said Mr. Fisher, its government and management would form the basis of their thoughts all day and every day. We, on the other hand, went on our way regardless of the immense possibilities of that Empire, and with a profound ignorance of the many ways in which it affected our daily lives.

Empire education was one of the most important elementary subjects which should be taught in our schools, and it was lamentable that even amongst the so-called educated classes in Great Britain so little interest was shown in our Dominions and the products which came from them.

Everybody goes through the lying and thieving stage—Miss Barbara Low.

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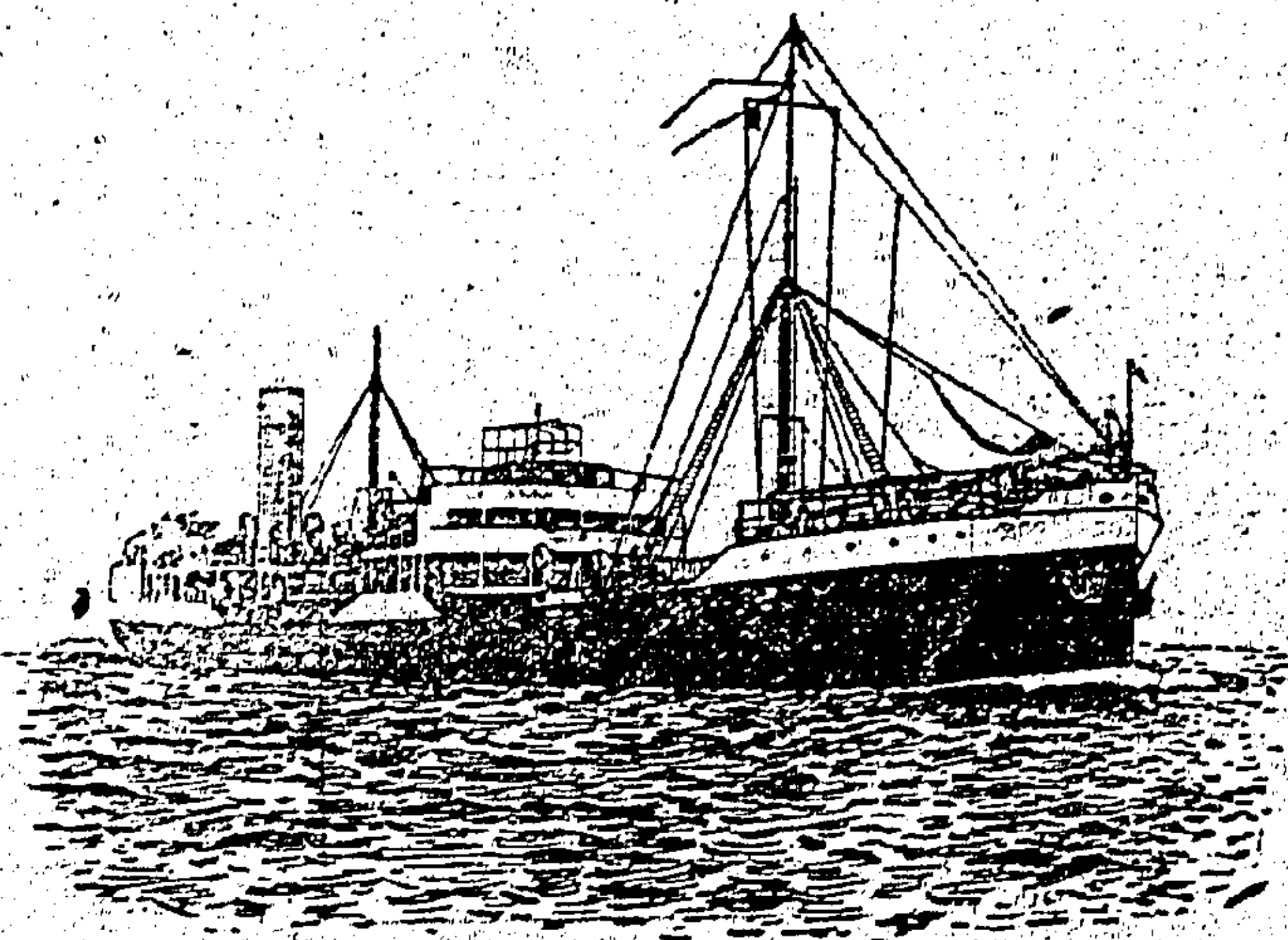
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SHIPPING NEWS

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Kanaka British str., 1,112 tons, Capt. R. Umpleby, from Saigon, with rice, lying at buoy No. C21—B. & S.

Tee Sing, British str., 972 tons, Capt. T. Croft, from Haiphong and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C23—J. M. & Co.

Les Fils de Paul Doumer, French str., 781 tons, Capt. E. Baughart, from Haiphong and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C23—J. M. & Co.

Yachung, British str., 1,421 tons, Capt. H. W. Chandler, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point wharf—J. M. & Co.

Kai Maru No. 2, Japanese str., 1,024 tons, Capt. T. Emory, from Bangkok, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41—Kwang Nyan Song.

February 28th.

Antibochus, British str., 3,793 tons, Capt. J. L. Spratt, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3—B. & S.

Bassio Maru, Japanese str., 1,565 tons, Capt. U. Okubo, from Keelung, with coal, lying at buoy No. C37—O.S.K.

Gilfers, Norwegian str., 230 tons, Capt. T. Emory, from Bangkok, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C45—Kong Sing.

Hop Song, British str., 1,330 tons, Capt. N. W. Van Courtlandt, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C37—J. M. & Co.

Kwai Maru, British str., 1,319 tons, Capt. A. Tucker, from Singapore and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B15—B. & S.

Lungchow, British str., 1,290 tons, Capt. D. T. James, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Tato Maru, Japanese str., 1,133 tons, Capt. H. Arai, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17—N.Y.K.

Waka, British str., from Canton, lying at Taikoo Dock.

CLEARANCES.

February 28th.

Akaba Maru, for Saigon.

Asia, for Canton.

Bangka, for Bangkok.

Beijing, for Shanghai.

Canton, for A. & B.

Feeder, for Bangkok.

Haramura Maru, for Canton.

Hoi Maru, for Kwang Choy Wan.

Hwanan, for Saigon.

Hyakuryu, for Swatow.

Kobe Maru, for Swatow.

Leungchow, for Canton.

Lungchow, for Canton.

Satin, for Chiuwang Tai.

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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia*, from Hongkong on February 7th, arrived at Vancouver on February 25th.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yamaguchi Maru*, (Cebu Line), left Moji for Hongkong on February 27th and is expected here on February 28th.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Hakozaki Maru*, (European passenger line), left Moji for Hongkong via Shanghai on February 28th and is expected here on February 4th.

The O.S.K. s.s. *Atsuta Maru* sailed on the 27th and is expected to arrive here on Sunday March 1st.

The T.K.K. s.s. *Siberia Maru* arrived at Yokohama on the 25th inst., and sails on March 1st for Honolulu and San Francisco.

The s.s. *President Cleveland* (Pacific Mail S.S. Co.), sailed from Hongkong for San Francisco via way ports on February 27th.

The s.s. *Pallas* (Pacific Mail S.S. Co.), sailed from San Francisco for Hongkong via way ports on February 28th.

The s.s. *President Wilson* (Pacific Mail S.S. Co.), sailed from San Francisco for Hongkong via way ports on February 19th.

The s.s. *Lake Fault* (Pacific Mail S.S. Co.), arrived at Calcutta from Rangoon on February 28th.

The s.s. *Lake Fiddling* (Pacific Mail S.S. Co.), sailed from Rangoon for Penang on February 23rd.

The s.s. *Lake Gilpin* (Pacific Mail S.S. Co.), sailed from Hongkong for Singapore on February 28th.

The s.s. *Lake Gitan* (Pacific Mail S.S. Co.), arrived at Hongkong from Singapore on February 23rd.

The Dollar s.s. *President Hayes*, which is due at Hongkong on March 3rd, arrived at Shanghai on February 28th, on schedule.

The Admiral Oriental Line's s.s. *Colin H. Livingston*, which is due at Hongkong on March 2nd, arrived at Manila on February 28th.

The Admiral Oriental Line's s.s. *President Madison*, which is due at Hongkong on March 6th, arrived at Yokohama on February 28th, on schedule. She has on board 300 bags of U.S. Mail for Hongkong.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Michelles (Blue Funnel), due to-day.

Amazona (M.M.), due March 11th.

Dr. Pierre Benoit (M.M.), due March 1st.

Ginga Maru (T.K.K.), due March 4th.

Yoshino Maru (N.Y.K.), due March 12th.

Kamo Maru (N.Y.K.), due March 11th.

Machon (Blue Funnel), due March 14th.

Muroran Maru (N.Y.K.), due to-day.

Nelcy (Blue Funnel), due March 22nd.

President Grant (Admiral Oriental), due March 3rd.

President Hayes (Dollar Line), due March 3rd.

Rhodes (Blue Funnel Line), due March 3rd.

Sarpedon (Blue Funnel), due March 18th.

Troilus (Blue Funnel), due March 7th.

Victoria (Chinn-Australia), due March 7th.

SHIPPING NOTES.

It is stated that the China Navigation Co. are placing on the Upper Yangtze a winter steamer of an entirely new design. She is being built by Yarrow & Co. and will be oil-burning and have turbine engines. This is a new departure for the trade and if the vessel proves to be the success anticipated, it is expected that she will be followed by others.

During last year 18 new vessels were built for the Hamburg-America Line, representing an increase of 230,700 net registered tons, and making the total of the fleet 400,000 net registered tons. This brings the company's shipping fleet up to pre-war strength. The company does not intend further to augment its fleet until economic conditions are more favourable.

In consequence of the diversion of foreign shipping traffic to other ports on account of high charges at Hamburg, a considerable reduction in shipping, warehousing, and storing charges is announced by the Hamburg authorities. These now approximate to the pre-war level.

FLOATING MINES.

WARNING TO MARINERS.

A report has been received at the Harbour Office from Cavite, Philippine Islands, which states that floating mines have been reported seen in the vicinity of Lat. 14.5 (N.) and Long 129.14 (E.). The message warns vessels of the danger and asks for reports to be witnessed if the mines are sighted, giving their position.

NEW GLEN MOTOR VESSEL.

The twin-screw motor vessel *Glenloch*, built to the order of the Glen Line, Ltd., was launched by Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., Belfast, on January 24th. The principal dimensions are 455 ft. by 62 ft. by 20 ft. 6 in., with a gross tonnage of 9,500. The new vessel has three complete steel decks, together with poop, bridge and forecastle. There are seven watertight bulkheads, and the double bottom, which extends fore and aft, is arranged to carry water ballast and oil fuel, as well as fresh water, piston-cooling water and lubricating oil.

The propelling machinery consists of two sets of Diesel engines of the well-known Burmeister and Wain-Harland and Wolff type. Each engine develops 3,000 h.p. when running at 115 r.p.m., and has eight cylinders 740 mm. bore and 1,150 mm. stroke. The machinery throughout the vessel is electrically-driven, including the steering gear, and in addition to large electrically-driven windlasses, forward there are no fewer than 16 winches, some of which have a lifting capacity of seven tons over a single pulley. The auxiliary in the engine-room are also electrically-driven, and include an air compressor driven by a 150 h.p. motor. The refrigerating plant is driven by two 32 h.p. motors, in addition to three smaller motors for the brine and circulating pump.

WEATHER REPORT.

February 28th at 17.51—Pressure has decreased slightly at Chetoo and over the Bonins, and slightly over N. Formosa and Luzon. It has increased slightly at Shanghai.

The anticyclone has spread still farther southward.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and moderate to fresh monsoon over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, 28th February, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 5.59 inches, against an average of 3.13 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, 29th Feb. is as follows:

Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, fresh, to strong.

Hongkong to Gap Rock ... N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; overcast, some drizzle or mist.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoucks ... do.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan ... do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 28th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 3 p.m.
Barometer	30.09	30.02	30.00
Temperature	69	65	67
Humidity	76	97	88
Wind Direction	E	ESE	ESE
Force	4	2	2
Weather	B	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 27th ... 69

Lowest open-air Temperature on 28th ... 64

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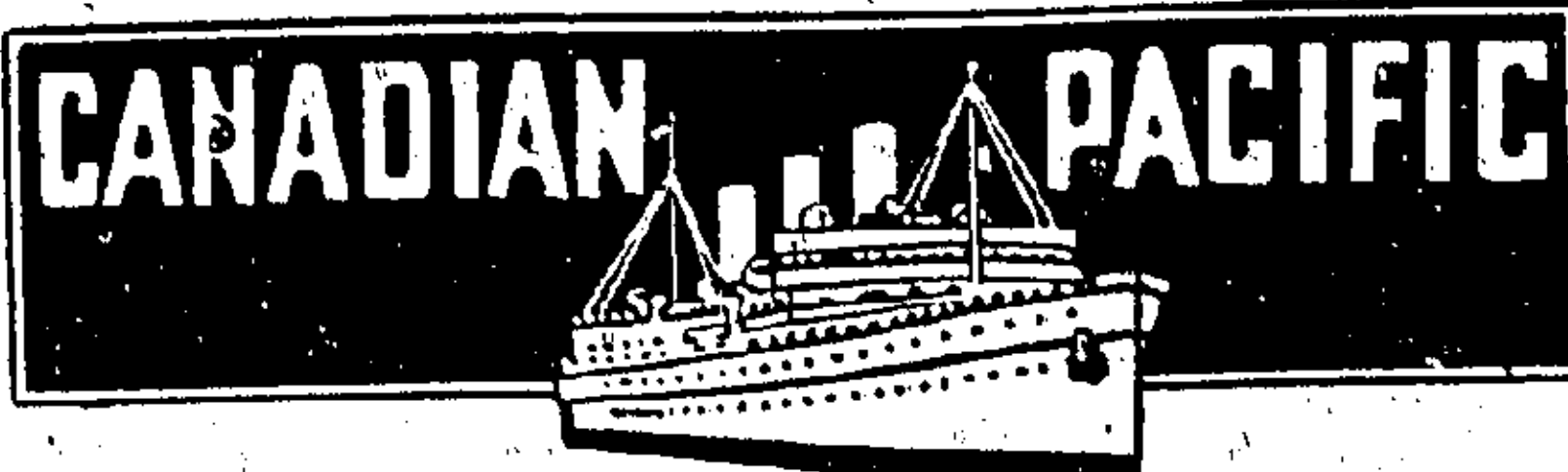
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<i>Empress Asia</i>	Mar. 13	Mar. 31	Montrose	Apr. 11
<i>Empress Russia</i>	Apr. 3	Apr. 21	Montroyal	May 2
<i>Empress Australia</i>	Apr. 18	May 7	Montroyal	May 14
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<i>TAIYO MARU</i>	22,000 tons, Mar. 27th
<i>KOREA MARU</i>	20,000 tons, Apr. 8th, 1924.
<i>SHINYO MARU</i>	22,000 tons, Apr. 23rd (from Shanghai)
<i>SIBERIA MARU</i>	20,000 tons, May 5th, 1924.

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<i>GINYO MARU</i>	15,000 tons, 14th
<i>GINYO MARU</i>	15,000 tons, 24th
<i>SEIYO MARU</i>	14,000 tons, 10th
<i>RAKUYO MARU</i>	15,500 tons, 19th

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S/S. "Katal"	20th	
S/S. "Camilla Gilbert"	18th March	
S/S. "Siam"	25th	
M/S. "Africa"	28th April	
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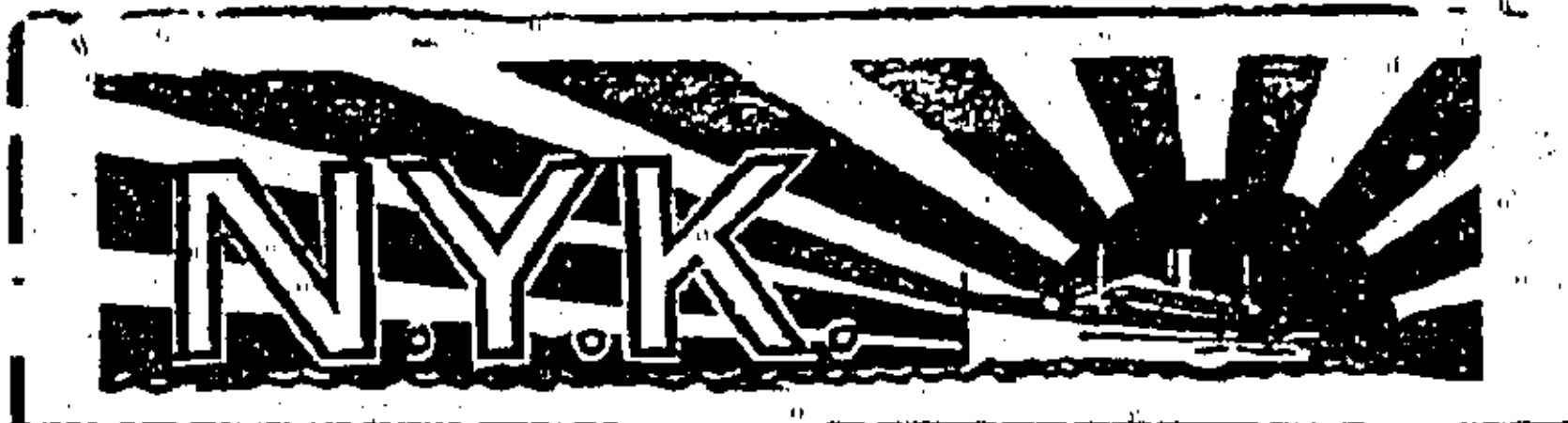
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"KARMALA"	5,068	8th Mar.	Manila, London & Antwerp.
"KIDDEPORE"	5,354	14th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"PERIN"	7,644	20th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay.
"NAIDERA"	15,983	22nd Mar.	B'way, Man. L'don. & Antwerp.
"SICILIA"	6,813	28th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	3rd Apr.	do.
"KEYBER"	9,014	6th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"NELLORE"	6,553	9th Apr.	B'way, Man. L'don. & Antwerp.
"PADUA"	5,907	12th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay.
"CHINA"	7,952	18th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"SOUDAN"	6,695	25th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"PLASSY"	7,435	17th May	do.
"KASHMIR"	9,863	24th May	do.
"KHIVA"	9,097	31st May	Man. London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	14th June	Man. London & Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,911	28th June	do.
"KARMALA"	9,098	12th July	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	26th July	do.
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"MANTUA"	10,902	23rd Aug.	do.

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"TALMA"	10,000	10th April	do.
"JAPAN"	6,053	18th April	do.

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"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,553	10th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"TORILLA"	5,205	13th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
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"KASHGAR"	8,840	16th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	30th May	Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,098	13th June	do.
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SHANGHAI	"CHUNGKING"	On 1st Mar., D.L.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"CHANG"	On 2nd Mar., D.L.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 2nd Mar., D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LIANGCHOW"	On 2nd Mar., 9 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"YINGCHOW"	On 4th Mar., 4 p.m.
DALNY	"CHINKIANG"	On 4th Mar., 4 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 4th Mar., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"PAKHOT"	On 4th Mar., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"KUEICHOW"	On 4th Mar., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHANGCHOW"	On 6th Mar., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"KASHING"	On 7th Mar., 4 p.m.
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Silver \$2,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$20,000,000

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LONDON BANKERS:
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in **LOCAL CURRENCY** and **FIXED DEPOSITS** received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1924. [37]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.
THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the Minimum Monthly Balances at 2½ per cent per annum.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
[A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager
Hankow, 14th November, 1921.]

REGULAR AND FAST FREIGHT AND
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"E' PENOR"	10TH MAR. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.
"TALIESIAS"	17TH MAR. London & Rotterdam, Antwerp.
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 "BELLEROPHON" 20TH MAR. Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow.
 "PERSEUS" 1ST APR. Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.

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(via SUEZ or PANAMA).
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 "ATREUS" 11TH APR. via Suez and Boston.

"THEIRISIAS"	17TH MAR.	for Singapore & London.
"SARPEDON"	19TH MAR.	for Shanghai.
"SARPEDON"	22ND APRIL.	for Singapore, Marseilles & London.
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HEAD OFFICE
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tained on application.
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THE H. MAI,
1948: Manager

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	...	3/4
Bank Bills, on demand	...	3/4 15/18
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	...	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	...	
Credits, at 4 months' sight	...	3/4 11/18
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	...	3/4 13/18
ON PARIS.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	...	1.150
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight	...	1.250
ON NEW YORK.—		
Bank Bills, on demand	...	50¢
Credits, at 30 days' sight	...	51¢
ON BOMBAY.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	...	
Bank Bills, on demand	...	157½
ON CALCUTTA.—		
Telegraphic Transfer	...	
Bank Bills, on demand	...	167½
ON SHANGHAI.—		
Bank Bills, at sight	...	} nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	...	
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	...	111½
ON MANILA.—On demand	...	98½
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	...	89½
ON BATAVIA.—On demand	...	137
ON HAIPHONG.—On demand	...	} nom.
ON SINGON.—On demand	...	
ON BANK OF CHINA.—On demand	...	79½
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate	...	\$ 8.38
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola	...	50.80
BAR SILVER, per oz.	...	333

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.**

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorised Capital	£50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up	£50,000,000
Reserve Funds	
Sterling	£4,500,000
Silver	£35,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	£20,000,000

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1924. [37]

HONGKONG SAVING BANK.

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For the **HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION**,
[A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager

Shanghai, 14th November, 1922. [3

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

Paid-up Capital	£2,000,000
Reserve Fund	£2,800,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	£1,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and **FIXED DEPOSITS** received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 24th, 1922.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN,
LIMITED.
(TAIWAN GINKO.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial
Charter, 1898.

Capital Subscribed	Yen 80,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)	Yen 62,500,000
Reserve Funds	Yen 12,980,000

HEAD OFFICE:—TAIPEH, FORMOSA

BRANCHES:—

JAPAN.—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe,
Osaka, Moji.

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Keelung, Makung, Nanto, Pinan,
Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Tai-
kow, Tamsui, Toiyen, Aka.

CHINA.—Shanghai, Hankow, Kinkiang,
Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.

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pore, Soerabaya, Samarang,
Batavia, Bombay, London, New
York.

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THE BANK HAS CORRESPONDENTS IN
Commercial Centres in the European
Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtau,
Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philip-
pine Islands, Java and other Dutch
Indies, Australia, America, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts
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S. KONDOH,
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